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Revenue Department

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis

Collector of Dindigul

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform you they sanction the expence of 50 C. Chuckrums incurred by you as reported in your letter of the 2d. Ultimo for the funeral of the Mambarra Poligar as also the present, & Monthly allowance of 50 Chuckm. you propose for the Yearicotah Poligar, should he as you expect submit himself to your authority.

In regard to the succession to the Mambarra Pollam the Board wait your reply to my letter of the 30th Ultimo.

In reply to your letters of the 7th & 12th Ultimo the Board further direct me to inform you, that Government will take such measures as may be necessary upon the subject of the Rebel Lutchen Naigue & authorize you to entertain the additional number of Sibbendies you propose for the protection of your District against the Colleries, relying on the confidence the Board have expressed in your discretion & that they will be disbanded the moment their services can be dispensed with.

As the measure of calling out the Poligars Peons at any period or under any circumstance demands very mature consideration, you will report more fully on the subject as the Board apprehend the measure would militate against the principle they have wished to establish, the prevention of the use of any armed force by the Poligar unless in self defence to repel an actual attack from an enemy.

Fort St. George
1st January 1797

I am &ca.
(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Secretary

Revenue Department.

To Mr. T. B. Hardis
Collector of Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to transmit for your information and guidance the inclosed Copy of a letter from Government relative to the price to be fixed for Straw purchased by Bullock owners in the Public Service

Fort St George
1st January
1799

(Signed) I am &c
J. B. Travers
Dep. Secretary

To William Peter Esqre
President & Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

As considerable inconvenience has arisen from the high price at which Straw is charged to the Bullock owners now in the public service, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that orders may be immediately issued to the Collectors of the Districts through which the Bullocks may pass to supply them with Straw at the usual rate of one fanam per Bundle.

The people authorizes to purchase Straws for the public service will be furnished with Certificates from the principal agent for Cattle.

I have the honor
&c.

Fort St George
30th December
1798

(Signed) J. Webb
Secy to Govt

True Copy J. B. Travers
Depy Secretary

To Mr Thomas Bowyer Hardis
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

Gov[illegible] having resolved upon a general suspen-

-sion of duties on grain for the next six Months throughout all the company's Southern Provinces, I am directed to desire that you will immediately carry the same into effect in your District, making public the extent of the Suspension to encourage the Merchants of your District in their traffic with other Countries. I am directed also to apprize you that an immediate and pressing application will be made to the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore to adopt the same measure in their Territories and that the result will be made known to you.

I am &c

Fort St George
4th January 1799.

(Signed) J B Travers
Depy Secretary

To Mr J B Hardis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

(Circular) I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr J B Travers to be Secretary and Mr William Wright acting Deputy Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Fort St George
7th January
1799

I am &c

(Signed) J B Travers
Secretary

Translation of an Arzee from Arnia Naig Poligar to Mr Hardis received 9th January 1799.

In compliance with the Enayet Nama you was pleased yesterday to send me so soon as the Camp arrived, I supplied the Commanding Officer with every thing he had occasion for. The Grass fire wood & pots I supplied the Camp with gratis.

At Sun set at the request of the Commanding

Officer I ordered one hundred peons to be stationed around the Camp to guard it and keep proper bundobust some peons and a sharvugar I likewise ordered to guard the entrances to the Commanding officers Tent. These were very watchful the whole night

At day break in the morning just before the Camp was about to move one of my Taliars was confined in the guard of the Camp, some Collaries having in the night got into the Officers Tent. My man who supplied the Camp yesterday with provisions on going to enquire about this, was also put in the guard and thus were taking these people away with the Camp

On hearing this I immediately went to the Cavalyar and asked Nutter Khaun the Dubash who was with him, concerning the Collaries who came in the night.

Nuttor Cawn informed me Collaries had got into the Camp during the night had entered Captain Gillum the Commanding officers Tent and carried away, one suit of clean Cloths, one pair of long drawers and a stocks, that his master had in consequence ordered the Taliars and my man, who went to make the inquiry, to be put in the guard and taken away with the Camp

I told him in reply that so very large a guard having been watching the Camp, there was no reason to suppose such a circumstance could have happened, & that it must be a mistake. I assured him at the same time I should write to you every thing that had happened and how I had acted on this occasion.

Nutter Cawn was going off to Captain Gillum and the regiment with the Taliar, and I again said to him such robberies could never have happened in my Village; it must be a falsehood. You must make further enquiry among your people, to learn if it has happened as you said.

I have written you every thing as it occurred for your information and shall act in compliance with any Orders I

receive from the Circar.

I am waiting your further orders for my guidance

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at
Dindigul

Sir,

(lar) The want of your January Estimate having rendered my general account sent to Government incomplete, I am to inform you that report thereof has been made accordingly to the Board. As it however expedient I should know what sums you are likely to collect within the month. I am to desire, you will on receipt of this, dispatch an Estimate shewing the balance in hand 1st Instant and all such information as the occasion is intended to convey.

I am &ca.

Fort St. George (Signed) Geo Read
10th January 1799 Acctt

To Mr. Thos. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir I am directed to convey to you the Board's particular injunctions that you will take every opportunity of remitting the balance of Cash in your Treasury to the Presidency by such bills as are unquestionably good,—

I am &ca.

Fort St. George (Signed) J. B. Travers
10th January 1799 Depy. Secretary

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

(lar) Sir. As it is of importance towards a greater regularity in the dispatch of the Monthly and official year's accounts to the Presidency, that they be reduced where practicable, and simplified where the detail is too great, I intend to propose

propose some alteration in the present regulations, and to dispense with certain of the accounts the better to embrace this desirable object, but before offering my sentiments to the Board I could wish to be favored with any suggestions you may have to make on this subject, which I will thank you not to confine merely to matters of form, but to state how far an alteration in the present mode of obtaining the district accounts may in your opinion be favorable to the object in view, I mean by this that your Treasury account is to include only the payments within the Month at your own Cutcherry not waiting the arrival of the Purgunnah accounts.

I am &c.

Fort St. George
14th January 1799

(Signed) Geo Read
Acctt

Translation of an Arzee from Appia Naig Poligar of Cunnivady to Mr. Hurdis, received 14th January 1799

After compliments. — To the 3d of the month (Typ) I have very carefully conducted myself towards the company — The Sunned you have now sent me I have read and understand its contents. I have now to entreat some indulgence of you, in the payment of my Kists, and of the money for the paddy. The marriage of one of my younger brothers which cerimoney is now over, has caused a delay of four days in my concerns, moreover all the carpliar Ryots of my pollam have lately deserted from their Villages, and as a great part of my money must be collected from them, a further delay of ten days has thereby been caused.

The Ryots having now returned to their Villages I shall send the balance of my first Kist and the money for the Paddy, and shall afterwards send the amount of my second Kist.

With what views can I give protection to any people of Tippoo Sultan's Dominions or what advantage can I gain through them?

Though I may be in friendship with the western Poligars, you are well acquainted with the conduct of them and of me. It would be very improper in me to harbour any bad design while I remain under the Company's Government, and as you behave towards me as my father and mother and protect me as one of your Children and by whose kindness I am now restored to prosperity, and am become a great man.

Though I may be in friendship with some Poligars and though in my conduct I may have been guided by some bad people yet I never can give support or have any improper connections with any people of Tippoo Sultan's Country.

Though in my conduct I may have followed the bad advice of others yet I was never aware that it was so. I would never do so, if I knew it to be wrong, I hope you do not think I would.

When Mootoo Shervegar left Pulney he came here for a few days, and then went to Verapatchee, he having conducting himself improperly I did not let him remain here. He is now come here again, but neither through me or any of the people of my Pollum shall he interfere in the company's concerns.

I shall implicitly follow the advice and conduct myself as you desired me on the 10th of September.

In consequence of the ceremony of my brothers marriage and the desertion of my cauplier Ryots I have been very backward in my payment to the company to this time, but I shall act in strict conformity with what I have said. My conduct shall not vary in the least from that. I shall quickly collect and send the first part of the money. And I shall be very careful in sending the remainder as soon as possible. trusting the company will ever shew favor unto me, as I have no other protection.

Hoping with all my mind and soul you will be pleased to continue your great favor upon me, I intreat you will send me a Sunnud for my future conducts in the place.

To Mr. T B Hardis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir, I am directed by the Board to desire you will immediately procure and send to the army as great a number of Dooley Bearers as you may be able to engage for the public Service

I am &c.

Fort St. George
17th January 1799

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire
Collector of the District of
Dindigul

Sir,

Permit me to request of you an advance of 10,000 Star Pagodas for the use of my Department for the Month of February 1799.

I have the honor &c.

Madura
22d January
1799

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymr.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your register of Bills for the Month of December & properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the Course of that Month with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &c.

Fort St. George
25th January 1799

(Signed) H. G. Wright
actg. Secry.

Register of Bills for the month of December 1798

1798			
December 2d	1 Bill by Mr Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	8000 . .	received
	Star Pagodas	8000 .	

Dindegul 1st January 1799
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(Signed) F B Hurdis
Collector

(a true Copy)
W. G. Wright
A C B Secry

To the Right Honorable the Earl of Mornington K P
Governor General in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

1 The regulations published on the 26th December 1798 for the Department of Commissary of Grain with the army having specified that the Commissary is to receive the necessary Supplies of Grain for the Troops in the Field from Garrison Storekeepers or Collectors according as circumstances may render expedient and that such supplies are to be accompanied by an Invoice exhibiting Quantities and value a Copy of which invoice is to be transmitted by the officer delivering the Grain to the military auditor General and another Copy to the Secretary of the Military Board. I beg leave in consequence to recommend that orders may be given for Collectors furnishing Supplies for the army to transmit an Invoice thereof through the officer commanding in Camp for the Department to which such supplies may be sent at the same time forwarding a Copy of the Invoice to the Secretary of the Military Board and Military Auditor General respectively. That the Collectors be also instructed to

to desire in their letters accompanying the invoice to the officer com-
manding the army that Bills for the amount be drawn by the
Paymaster in Camp on the Military Paymaster General in favor
of the Board of Revenue — and that the Collector be further
directed to obtain from the officer Commanding the Garrison
station whence the supplies may be dispatched or from the officer
in charge of the detachment or Escort accompanying such sup-
plies to the army a Certificate stating the quantity of grain &
number of Sheep or cattle sent which Certificate is to accompany
the invoice to the Commanding officer in Camp —

2d. As these instruction to Collectors appear to me
necessary to render the before mentioned regulations complete
I am persuaded your Lordship will not think I have
exceeded my duty in submitting them for your Consideration —

I have &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor
General's office
Fort St. George
24th. January 1799

(A true Copy)
(Signed) G. Buchan
acting Sub Secry

(A true Copy)
(signed) W. G. Night.

To Mr. J. B. Hardis
Collector of Dindigul

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st. Instant I am
directed by the Board to desire you will consider their orders
to Mr. Wynch under date 28th. April 1795 still in force and
endeavour to secure the Person of Moottoo Chavagar, and that
you also endeavour if possible to reconcile Viapoory Naique to
reside under your immediate Eye and Protection to obviate the
mischiefs apprehended in the Pylny district from intrigues

to establish him as Poligar there, which they however hope will prove groundless.

Fort St George
31st January 1799

I am &c
(Signed) J B Travers
Secretary.

30 June 1799

Translation of an Urzee from Amia naig Poligar to Mr Hardis received 18th January 1799

I have received the Enayetnama you sent me this day by Kistnama naig and understand the contents. In that Enayetnama you are pleased to order that the land in dispute between amateri and me, should be sequestered till Ram Row whom you had ordered had surveyed the ametery Pollam and the disputed ground. You desired me to send some person well acquainted with boundaries of the land in dispute for many years before to superintend the survey on my part - and to give a Muchilka with my signature to the Hoozoor that the dispute may hereafter be there settled according to justice and to the satisfaction of all parties.

You further desire me to send you a duplicate of the Enayetnama you sent me from Ootapanaignoor on the 18th December last - what you informed me in that Sunnud was very proper - and according to your desire I now send the duplicate.

Ram Row is now come to the disputed ground, if he wants to measure it, I shall not hinder him. If you desire me to sign a muchilka, I shall not object to it. I shall act as you desired me in the Sunnud you before sent me, when my Pollum is to be surveyed, that the dispute in question may be properly settled. If it is necessary

necessary to survey the land in dispute now, it shall be done and I will send my man for that purpose. That the dispute may be equitably decided, if you desire me to give a Muchilka and it is settled accordingly I shall abide by the decision.

The amatery Poligar says if the land in question is disputed, he shall be very glad to keep only an eighth or a tenth part of it as even that will be so much gained by him.

As he says so it may be very justly settled in that manner by the Circar. If it is so settled by the Circar, we shall abide by the decision.

I have no objection to enter into a Muchilka to this effect.

During the last disturbances in the Mysore Country the amatery man and one of his people Pulcot plundered Bullocks sheep corn and many other necessaries from my district to the amount of 6000 fanams. By this the cultivation of the land in dispute was stopped.

If you will be pleased to inquire into these disputes and order my property to be restored to me, and settle the disputed land I hope there will never be any more disputes or disagreements. I shall live in hope all my property may some day be returned to me.

Though I have frequently suffered great mischief from amatery, I have never before made any complaint of him.

If our present dispute is settled by the Circar, there will never be any further disagreement even among our children. Before the decision takes place I shall enter into a Muchilka. Never having before related the Circumstances of this dispute to the Circar I have now written the whole for your information.

I have not yet signed & sent you the Muchilka, but you must not be angry with me. So soon as I receive by your Sunnud an answer to this, I will sign & send the Muchilka—

Fourteen days ago Mottalaguey naig — the * Soora naig of Amatery, Ootiya gounden the Natamegar Nadaputty, Soora gounden of Valumputty, Pylney chetty and Dondacaren chetty came to me and said, "Our master" Amatery naig is as a child "of yours, therefore if he make a dispute for the ground "in question, what will you do. You two have ever lived "like mother & child"

Our Naig desired us to tell you thus. to which I replied — the Natamegar Cariacarers of my Pollam and those of yours must meet & call together my inhabitants that were plundered and those of yours that plundered them — and submit this business to an arbitration by which we will abide —

Thus saying I dismissed them —

Translation of an Olek from Ram Naig Havildar at Cultoot
29th January 1799

Golapa is at Nellatavenputty and collecting a great many people very bad. He has called the people from Yettiarpooram, to each of whom he has paid thirteen fanams wages. He has got from Dodapa naig one hundred firelocks and given them to these people, who are kept in readiness — Besides these he has fifty matchlocks. In all one hundred and fifty firelocks. Of other weapons forty or fifty — making in the whole two hundred men ready for service — and he has sent for more people.

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The Cultoot man having before given room to Golapa Naig, and his people being now taken from him, three or four of the Poligars have spoken to him Golapa Naig in a very reproachful manner, on that account. He is in consequense valiantly proclaiming that he will take and restore the Calloot's man's residense in one hour. The Calloot's man is in Meenatcheepoorum of Pauperputty with his brothers & thirty Peons.

Cowle having been given to the Ryots four of the Villages of Cultoot, thus have all being living there; but intelligence is lately come, of their having dispersed upon inquiry the reason of this. Some of the Ryots told me, that the Madura man was at Sholavandan where he had assembled a great many people, and was coming to plunder their houses, Bullocks & calfs in Consequense of which the Ryots were all withdrawing. I told them not to go away that I was going to write to the Circar, and so soon as I received orders I should do every I might be desired. They then told me that of the 8 Pauperputty people would give them Cowle they would return to their Village and would be obedient to any orders of the Company or otherwise they should be afraid.

From Appia Naig Cannivady Poligar to Mr. Hurdis.

After Compliments. To this 11th Instant I have continued diligent in the company's concerns. The sunnud

you have now sent me I have read and understand its contents. You therein say that in a Sunnud you sent me yesterday, you told me you were acquainted with Luckia naig's doings with any conducts towards him, also of Moottoo Shervegar's behaviour, and that you had information of every particular circumstance, and you desire me to read that Sunnud once more and to obey the orders therein written. This and every think else in the sunnud is proper advice to me.

Neither when your sunnud reached me, at any time before, or ever in future, will I afford any assistance to Luckia naig or Moottoo Shervegar or to any trifling concerns. Whether any people have spoken to you of me or you have heard any thing by any other way, I shall still favorably hope for your protection, for I never shall be found concerned in any bad conducts. If you make a strict inquiry into this business you will understand it.

Beingunto me as a father and mother, you must protect me as your child and that I may be instructed in wisdom, by releasing Alagya Shoka Pillay, and sending me by him prudent advice and wise instructions. You will be into me a great god and protect and I shall become restored by advice You will therefore be pleased to send orders accordingly and I shall implicitly conduct myself in obedience to your command.

I shall ever conduct myself as in my Urzees to you I have assured I would; you will understand this, and accordingly send me such a Sunnud for my future conduct as you may think just.

To Mr T. B. Hurdis

Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ultimo as you seem to be aware that the department of the agent of supplies should be charged with the expence of procuring Dooly bearers for the supply of the Army (agreeable to the orders to you under date the 17th ultimo) The Board direct me to refer you to the 28th and 29th article of the Regulations for accounts, which particularly points out the mode of adjusting this disbursement. I inclose copy of a letter from the Auditor General pointing out the mode of proceeding in all cases of furnishing Supplies to the Army which Government have directed to be observed.

I am &c.

Fort St. George
4th February 1799. (signed) J. B. Travers.
Secretary.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.

Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting you ×Extract of a Letter from Major Bannerman employed by Government in providing supplies for the Bombay army, and have to solicit the advance of 8000 Pagodas from you as soon as possible, and to request at the same time that as much of it may be made in P. N. Pagodas

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you can conveniently accommodate him with.

I have &c.

Madura
11th February 1799.

(Signed) Robt. Hughes.
Acting Paymaster.

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To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

In reply to the application contained in your letter of the 3d Instant for Tent allowance to your Assistant, I am directed by the Board to refer you to the answer communicated to you on the 31st October last.

Fort St. George
February 11. 1799.

I am &c.

(signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary.

Extract of a letter from Major T. Bannerman to Mr. Robt. Hughes Paymaster dated 9th February 1799

I now have to request you will remit with all convenient haste, an additional sum of Eight Thousand Star Pagodas, for the purpose of providing Cattle and supplies for the use of the Bombay army on the Coast of Malabar, if this sum can be sent in Porto Nova Pagodas at the Current exchange of this place, it will accommodate to the Public service. I beg you will oblige by letting me know the probable time I may expect, the amount of my two Indents.

A true Extract
(signed) Robt. Hughes.
Secretary.

From the Veerapatchee Poligar to Mr. Hurdis 12th February 1799

After compliments — To this 12th Instant I have been obedient in my concerns towards the company.

The Enayet nama and Copy you have now sent I received, and have read and understand every thing as therein written, and it all appears to me to be proper advice.

The forefathers of Luckia Naig have never been in relationship with mine, this being the case, and as in three or four of your Enayet namas to me, you tell me you have received certain information that I sent a man to Luckia Naig, to call him to me, and that we have consulted together. If some people in enmity with me have told you all this and you think it is true, what can I do?

The son of the Shevegherry man went to Cannavady and staid there three or four days, from thence he came here, on his arrival I desired him to inform on what account he was come, he told me that he was so disgusted with his father but though his father might have displeased him, I told him there was no necessity for his coming within my bounds, and sent him away accordingly. I have heard that Sera Gounden is in the service of Ramgherry Paupia Naig as a Shervegar, as but I have not seen him or any of his people. I have never assisted Pujary Naig and Alwarapillay. I did hear there was a dispute among them and that they had set fire

to a Village, but I gave them no support. If you will be pleased to make a proper inquiry into this, you will find it appear that I have related the truth, and no falsities. I have never to this time supported by giving room to either Peria Luckia Naig, Poojary Naig, Alvarapillay, the son of the Thevegherry man, or Sera goundan, within my boundaries, nor will I in future afford protection to any of them. Neither Marpillay of Coomaravaddy or any of the four people that are with him, ever came to my place, nor did I send a man to him, or excite him to leave that Village.

I never thought or dreamed that Peria Luckia Naig's son, whom the Company have instated as Puttacaren, should be set aside, and that Peria Luckia Naig should be invested.

The man who has lately been invested at Coomaravady sent a man to me with Beetle to request I would go to his wedding, but neither I or any of my people went.

When Cunnivaddy and I met at Pulaganoot, I did not desire him to supply five hundred men for assistance to Pujary Naig and Alvarapilly, nor did I say I would give that number of men to assist them. If it is true that I said I would assist them every thing that those slanderous people, who have been speaking

to

to you of me, is true also.

Though I have much confidence in the Company's greatness yet in consequence of all the malice and deformation that has come upon me, my situation is very hard.

I hope the Company will be pleased to restore to me my Village in Gungoovarputty that was taken from me by them. As the Company would be displeased with me if I assisted any people in enmity with them, I have not done so and you will accordingly be pleased not to retain your displeasure upon me, on account of what some of my enemy have been saying to you and complaining of me. If you will write me an Enayet Nama about this for my information, it will be very proper, and I will not like other people say one thing at one time and the reverse at another.

Some time ago you was pleased to believe that I gave shelter to Tomba Gour, and that I afforded him assistance. I am still confident that the Company's protection is very great.

Whatever bad things my enemies may continue to tell you of me and if you believe them to be true, I shall still do my duty.

Some time ago I sent Condamanigar and Sawmy Moodly to you, and I afterwards sent another man from hence, with whom you was very angry. I have lately once or twice desired people to go to Dindigul, but they tell me if I desire them to leave their Villages they will, but they will not go to Dindigul, for they are afraid, therefore you will be pleased to protect me

me and my Collum and you will send me an Enayet nama with wise and proper instructions for my Conduct to the Company.

To William Petrie Esquire
President &ca. Members of the
Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to desire that the several Collectors in the southern Division may be instructed to communicate to the officer commanding from time to time the balance of Cash in their respective Cutcheries and to furnish him with such information as he may require in respect to the probable amount of their receipts.

I have &ca.

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George
14th February 1799.

a true Copy
(Signed) W. G. Wright.
Acting Deputy Secry.

Dear Hardis

The General desires me to thank you for your's received to day by express which conveyed to him the first account of General Stuart's arrival. he troubles you with the two accompanying notes which he begs you to send on with all expedition.

Yours &ca.
(Signed) C. Macaulay

Camp, 16 miles west
of Vellore
14th February ½ past 5,
P. M.

To Thomas Bowyer Hardis Esqr

Collector of the District of Dindigul

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you in reply to yours of the 12th February 1799, that the application to you for Cash on account of Major Bannerman was by instructions from the Presidency, and that previous to such application, the Collector of the Poligar Peishcash had already been applied to for 7,000 Pagodas to complete the sum of 15,000 Pagodas for Major Bannerman, for on the 26th ultimo an Indent was made on the Collector of the Peishcash for upwards of 17,000 for this & current charges, respecting his ability to furnish which I have not yet heard from him.

The 1st Battalion 14th Regiment which has just arrived at Dindigul not having yet received Pay for the 1st Instant permit me to solicit your best endeavours to advance me a sum adequate for this purpose, which will be under two thousand Pagodas and the precise amount of which my agent at Dindigul will specify to you.

I have also to solicit information of what probable sum you think you may be able to advance me on the 1st, or during the Course of the ensuing month.

I have &c.

Madura
15 February 1799 (Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster.

Translation of an Urzee from Appia naig Poligar of Cunnivaddy to Mr. Hurdis, 16th February 1799.   13

After compliments — to the 8th of this Month I have conducted myself very carefully in the company's concerns. The Sunnud you have now sent me I have read and understand all its contents.

You therein say, that you have been waiting some days in expectation of my second Kists, but that I have neither sent that or the balance of money on account of Paddy and both which you desire me to send immediately.

That Moottoo sherveqar has gone from my Pollum to Caroor that the Sera naig of Ramgherry has afforded him some assistance to seek means for interfering in the Political affairs at Pylney, that I have given money to Moottoosherveqar, that Sera naig has given some likewise, with which he is to keep a party of people, to assist Luckia naick, and raise difficulties in Pylney and that if he should accomplish this you would hold me answerable for all the mischief.

You further say that the Sera naig of Ramgherry is by nature a very wicked and disagreeing man in all his actions. You desire me to consider all this very well and caution me against the whole from beginning to end and accordingly desire me to keep it in my mind.

That it is only on account of my youth and ignorance that you have so long favored me by delaying to inflict punishment. But that perceiving me to be still so very delatory in my conduct you caution me against

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the punishment that await me.

Besides all this in the sunnud you sent to my Pradan Tungaralingum Pillay, you inquire with what force I went to Ramgherry and say that the anger of the Sirkar has fallen upon me by my not paying my Kist and desire to be informed on what account I go to Ramagherry. All that is written in the two Sunnud above mentioned is wisdom.

I went to a marriage at Ramgherry and returned to my Pollum last night. The 7th this morning at Sun rise your sunnud reached me. The Kist money shall be collected so soon as possible and I shall send it quickly in four days. The whole balance of the money on account of Puddy I have sent. As the Ramgherry man and I are become relations by my taking a wife from his family, and his taking one from mine, I was necessitated to go to the marriage.

It was my intention to have written you an account of all this, but the man I sent some time before with a letter having been detained, my people were all afraid, and I could get no one to take a letter on account of this alarm I could not write what other reason could I have for writing to you.

The favor it has pleased you to show me, is my only support, what other protection can I have.

I shall at all times discharge my duties to the company and in so doing shall not be delatory.

Moottoo Therveger did not go from my Pollum to Caroor

to Caroor, nor did either the Ramghery Sera Naig or I afford him assistance or give him any large sum of money to keep peons and assist Leuckia naig in plundering Pylney.

Moottoo Thevegar came here to obtain a livelyhood, though he should endeavour to enter ever so little into any wicked acts, and it should come to my knowledge I can never suffer him to do it. I am most fervently hoping for the favor of the Company and for your protection.

I can never agree to be concerned in such trifling concerns as these mentioned of me.

When your Badge Peon came here he saw Moottoo Thevegar, you will therefore learn every thing from him when he returns.

I do not know who can have been so fraudulently relating these things to you. Whether this is true or false will appear in future.

The Sera Naig of Ramghery has behaved himself in an improper way towards the Company he will suffer whatever punishment it may appear to them he deserves.

I look upon you as my father & mother and you must shew favor unto me and consider me as your child and protect me as such.

I have related one or two Circumstances to your Badge Peon, of which he will inform you and you will understand. You will favor me with a Sunnad for my future conduct in my Concerns here.

Dear Macaulay,

I got your's with the two enclosures at 10 minutes after 11 P. M Sunday 17th and I sent them off directly to Paulghaut - in future pray don't let the paper be doubled for the quill, for I can scarcely roll it properly we are quiet here at present - I took Copy of both enclosures, which as a duplicate goes off tomorrow by another route. I shall of Course write the moment I got an answer of the safe arrival of either at Paulghaut -

Dindigul
17th February 1799 (Signed) Your's &c T. B. Hurdis.

Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr &c &c &c

Sir,

I am to inform you of our having made the survey of the disputed grounds, of Amatteruas and Ammanaigue's Pollums. Here they have two disputed grounds, one of the Heel Cottah, to the north side, and another to the south side of the Mail Cottah.

Ammanaigue's people when they were shewing the Boundary of their disputed ground, on the North side, they sent two men to show us the boundary and when they came near the high Road to Madura, then both shown different boundaries not knowing of their own and they have included four Villages belonging to Heel Cottah when they shown their boundaries there were no remarks of stone, Tree, nor a bank put up on the side, and we have surveyed according

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according to what they have shown us.

I have heard from Ammanaigue's people they say me that they have only shown thee Boundaries wrong, on account of the Keel Cottah Poligar's people take in two of their Villages in a line with their Boundaries and Ammanaigue's people say that if the Keel Cottah people, show their Boundary accurate to what it is, and that Ammanaigue's people will show us their exact Boundaries - Ammanaigue's people intended first to show us their Boundaries to the East; they told us first to survey Keel Cottah and then they would show us their Boundaries to see how far will Keel Cottah people show us their Boundaries - and when they have seen how far Keel Cottah has shown us their Boundaries - so therefore they had carried their Boundaries to the west, and has taken more ground and included all the Villages belonging to the Keel Cottah except his Rasthany. I have heard from several people that the Boundary Ammanaigue has shown is not his boundary - and Ammanaigue's people informs us that the Keel Cottah Poligar has shown us and the Chain people different Boundaries - but the Keel Cottah Poligar says that he has shown us the same Boundary that he has shown the Chain people, and that if you should wish to examine, you will be pleased to send the chain people to see if he has shown us the same boundary or not.

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The defference that the Keel Cottah Poligar has shown from Ammayanaigue's boundaries, is about 3 Furlongs and the defference that ammanaigue has shown from Keel Cottah Poligar's will be at least 14 Furlongs and ammanaigue has taken a great part of Keel Cottah Poligar's ground of Cultivation in his Boundaries.

In surveying the Southern boundary of the disputed ground between Mail Cottah Poligar and ammanaigue is about 3/4 of a mile from North to South.

If you should wish the Survey to be laid down in a seperate paper from Nella Cottah we shall now protract it, but if you should wish to have join it in Nella Cottah, it will take up some time, till we survey the Nella Cottah to join with Ammattira's Pollum.

I have &c.

February the 18th
1799

(Signed) John Ambrose Johnson
Assistant Revenue Surveyor

I hope your honor will send me some money for my expences.

To Mr Thomas B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir I am directed by the Board to transmit the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Secretary to Government under date 14th Instant communicating their desire that you inform the Officer Commanding the Southern Division from time to time the Balance of Cash in your Treasury, as also afford him such information as he may require in respect to the probable amount of

your receipts.

I am &c.

Fort St George
18th February 1799 (Signed) W G Wright
Acting Dy Secretary.

My dear Sir,

I am just favored with your answer to my Public letter I could wish that the guard over my Cash Chest and the dufters might be wholly distinct from the Paymaster and that the naique may be directed to report night and morn to me.

Should want of Sepoy cause your present arrangement four sepoys from the guard at my Cacheree (now H. N. I. 1 1 12) might be dispensed with and the guard in future be only H. N. I. 1 1 8 as double sentries over the Cash Chest were here always necessary

19th February 1799 Very truly Yours.

To Major Lindsay (Signed) T. B. Hardis.

My dear Sir, A seperate guard, consisting of a naique & 6 privates, shall be posted over your Cash Chest, and ordered to make you, morning & evening, a special report.

This guard shall be relieved either every two days, or weekly, as you may prefer.

I have sent for the Fort Adjt, and shall direct him to withdraw 4 privates, as you suggest from the guard at your C.

I am &c.

Dindigul
19th February 1799 (Signed) A Lindsay

To T. B. Hardis Esqr.

From Cunnypaddy Poligar to Mr Hurdis 19th [illegible]

February 1799.

After Compliments — to this day the 10th Inst. I have been deligent in my concerns towards the company.

The sunnud you have now sent me, I have read and understand its contents. You therein say that in my Arzee to the Circar I have written as if my behaviour had been very humble and obedient, but that my conduct has been very improper that by listening to the word of some very designing and deceitful people, my judgment is led astray, and that if any of the Poligars commit very so trifling faults you shall hold me answerable for them.

You further desire me, as Moottoo Shervegar and his son Tawmy narthen behave towards me in this way, and as I consider what they say as advice, to send Moottoo Shervegar to the Hoozoor.

You say I wrote you some time since that I was collecting my Kist money, and that you wrote me a Takeed in consequence on the 30th of December, but that I did not conduct myself properly in obedience to the Circar Orders, and you desired me to pay my Kist money in four days. That in all this business I behaved very ill, and that unless my conduct in future was more right and just, that your anger would befal me. Every thing there written is proper advice to me.

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and should it please you I shall implicitly behave myself as I have written in my Arzee to the Circar. I have never listned to the words of any wicked or designing man but have always behaved myself in compliance with the orders contained in your Enayet nama as I consider them always proper advice, I have not in the smallest degree listned to the words of any one else nor have I given support to any Poligar or any other troublesome man.

Whenever they have been concerning in any trifling views, I have never been with them.

Your goodness to me is so very great that I could not be advised to interfere in trifling Concerns.

What occasion can I have to be guided in my conduct by the word of Moottoo Shervegar and his son Sawmy nauthen.

In order that I and my Pollum may be protected by you I shall conduct myself properly according to my own judgment, and not by listening to the advice of others bring myself into difficulties.

Moottoo shervegar's eyes being unwell he is gone to Meenachee ammun at Shoontharabandy to set them restored. I shall not neglect my Kist money but as it had pleased you to be weary of my delay shall tie it up and send it quickly.

As the

As the Company have ever behaved to the Cun-
-nivady man very well and as their Child I shall
now conduct myself implicitly according to your
pleasure and you will accordingly send me Sunnad
with such orders as you think proper for my future
Conduct.

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I request you will forward as early as pos-
-sible a Statement shewing the quantity of Country
paper, & amount expended in your's and the Cutcherry
of each Division in your district for Fusly 1207.

Fort St George
21st February 1799

I am &ca
(signed) T. S. Ware
Dy Secry.

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Collector Dindigul.

Sir, I am directed by the Right Honorable
the Governor General in Council to desire that you will,
without delay, comply with the demands which
may be made on you by the Paymaster of Madura,
for supplies of Cash to the extent of your means.

Fort St George
21st February
1799.

I am &ca
(signed) J. Webbe
Secry to Govt.

Dear Hurdis,

I am favored with your's. I send you by the
Generals

General's desire another letter inclosed for General Stuart which you will send on in the same mode you done the last via Paulghaut - the letter from me to General Stuart may go on by Tappal through the ordinary route - the General thinks it might be as well if you acknowledged the receipt of this by the common Tappal and sent by express only such letters as you may receive from the other Coast.

Head Quarters.
Camp Vanianbaddy
23d February 1799.

Yours &c
(Signed) C. Macaulay

Translation of an Arzee from the Jagoody Poligar to Mr Hurdis.
23d February 1799.

To this 13th Instant I have conducted myself in the Company's affairs with great care and attention —

I have now to relate the circumstances of Moottoo-vencatyen a wicked man who is planning to get me into a dangerous situation. The Son of Nella monigar one of Vencata Iens people, and an inhabitant of Molumpatty of Paylney sent Angatavan and the son of Velcarar to Cundy annen the son of Oliah Gounden my Armanagar to whom they said - Nella monigars sons have desired us to request you will come to him, Cundy annen asked them to inform him on what account he had sent for him, they replied if he would come to Nella monigars son as he desired, he would when he had seen

Seen and spoke to him, understand what it was. Upon this Cundy annen came to me, and told me that Nella monigar's son had sent for him, and that he thought it was to make some differences or disturbance, on hearing this I thought it would be prudent and proper that you should be informed of every thing. Nulla monigar, and some people who are attached to him were sifting after and enquiring about. So I sent Cundy annen to Nulla monigar's people at molampatty of Pylney and the following is a narrative of his Conversation with Candy, nella monigar's son) angatanen. Velluearen's son and a leanaca=pully of molampatty. They said they had been to speak with Moottoo shereegar at Cunnivady that he had promised to supply them with some people. that he should fix Viapoory naig's son in Pylney and Moottoo Vencataien should be fixed in Toogoody. they then said that they had sent to Luckia naig, and that he was gathering and sending some people to them. That Tomba gounden's people would assist them, as would also some of Carapen shervegar's and Shannashe gounden's who was then at that place. That vale Tamba and four or five of his people were making secret inquiries and they said that he (Cunde annen) must collect some people and come to them. He asked them when all these people were collected, what they were to do,

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they replied that they were to stab me and my people —
Talacurta naig — Gounden — Topa moodly and some others
and that if the Company's people came to prevent this
they should fight with them — and if they could not
do their business then, they would go to Louckia naig
at Keangayem join his people and plunder both Pylney —
and Tagoody. stab and shoot all the people, carry —
away every thing set fire to and destroy the whole
district and then return to Louckia naig at Kean-
-gayem for assistance.

Terpathy Gounden of Molumputty in Pylnaywill
prove this and the declaration of Carumpyet my caria-
-caren, corresponds with what Olia Gounden's son has
said. Bootna Cawn's declaration states that Moottoo
Vencata Iyen is come to the foot of Yedampera hill at
the stone sluice — and that the following people are
with him. — Shanarthy pilly and Vencata Ramien
Mootien. The following people have done to Vencata
Iyen at that place from Tagoody with him Cuvary
Rungien — Vally ootundy — Vale tumbee and Moottoo
Caroopun his head man — Bootna Cawn — they all —
took an Oath without any objection. — It was settled —
Vale Tumbee was to be appointed Sosa naig Rungyen
the Predan — Ootundy head sherivegar and to have five
chays of wet land and 20 kayers of Cora land given —
him — Moottoo Curpun was to be appointed household
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Butna Cawn to be presented with five chays of wet land and a riding horse. a pair of gold wrist rings. and a lascivious neck Garland.

On this was done that Talacuten naig-Gounden Toopu moodly - and I should be stabbed with two or three others.

Previous to this Moottoo Vencata Iyen and Luckia naig were coming on horseback with their people from Yedemper hill to the Rajahdawny to do the murder before mention. they were to set about two hours after sunset, and if they met the Pyfoiiy Soubidar to give him false names. They were to have come the north road. The declaration of Bootna Cawn when taken will prove them and Syed Rowten a merchant of Verly=:sundioor is a witness to it.

Palangeya chitty and nutty thumby Gounden of Chindalavardum putty at Veerapatchee are concern=:ed in this business with Moottoo Vencata Iyen, when I was informed of it I sent a man to Veerapatchee with a Takeed.

Moottoo Vencata Iyen in (annee) June last was using every expedient to do all this, of this you were acquainted.

This Moottoo Vencata Iyen enjoys a maunium near me - his family are in my Pollum.

whenever I can learn that he is in Pylney I shall go with my people and endeavour to stab him.

I have great confidence in your protection and favour. I have written a list of the people concern-ed in this business.

You will ever be pleased to send me orders for my Conduct. ——

Mootoo Vencuta Iyen
Perumal Iyen
Thanavathy Pilley
Valashen
In shevaghery putty
Vencataramien
Mootien
Aundy
Vellien
Cooparen
of the Pullen tribe
Muttacayen
Andy andumpen
Pylney Andy
Thothapilley Rayen
Mootoo Vencatayen
of Punnarcaren tribe
Macad

Thavury Mooten the son of Moorgy
Camar sawmy
Angen
of Molumputty in Pylney
Nulla monegar's son
Angatawen
Velcaren's son
Ulandy
Rungyen of the Cavary Caste
People who have run away
yettapa naig's son }
Matha naig }
Mootoo Curpen a Collary
Vale Tumbee's Head man
Thunthana Gounden
Nella Gounden
A Camicopoly of Molumputty
In Cullicanaig putty — People of —

Tombe Gowr.	Marahengen.
Cavoopen Sheroogar and three of his brothers	Nellingen
Cuttyen	Cunnyvarden
Fifty people attached to Shannashe Gounden	Angen.
	Maracarupen
	Mootton sherrogar and some people gone to Cunnivaddy
In Shenthalavardum putty of Veroopalchee	In Velloor
Palenchy a Shetty.	Valatumbee.
Natty Themby Gounden.	
In my Pollam.	
Butten Cawn.	

Dear Hurdis,

Henry Row was with me last night and gave me the news he had from different Gounders, he seems to me much of opinion that they intend a visit to Pylney but I cannot myself think they will come unless in very great force indeed, and I do not understand they are as yet very powerful, he send you all the information and you will be the best judge what credit is to be given should they make us a visit, we will be prepared for them and give them as good a reception as possible.

About 3 oClock this morning I was knocked up with a great riot at or near the Village, but as there did not appear to be much war in the matter I sent off the Picket, who brought down a sepoy who it said went to rob some of the Tankdiggers close by the Village, the sepoy had been a sentry only an hour before. I shall write to the Major about him and give him

a Courtmartial, the fellow wants to make it out a love business but from the other account I am induced to think it was the joy's round the woman's neck he was paying his Court to.

Should they make any attempt on Pylney, Henry Row think that Veerapatchee will stop all communication.

Your Peons arrived this morning, I believe Henry Row proposes keeping fifty here. Will thank you for a sight of the Paper now and then, and am dear Hurdis,

Pylney
27th February 1799
8 a. m.

Your's truly
(Signed) T. Simons.

P. S. Since writing the above I am inclined to think from what I have heard that the Sepoy went to the woman by appointment, but she did not expect him at so late an hour.

(Signed). T. S.

Translation of an Olah from Tholy manardy Tongaw to Nattercawn.

What you have now sent I have read. I am very happy that what we before spoke about is agreed to. There is no reason why the Circar and the people of Tolayeranandoo should not be in amity. The Circar and I are as a mother and her child it is therefore proper we should communicate all intelligence.

The two Gods Aperamee Ammen and Allasawmy will bear witness that there can be no deceit or treachery between you and I. You must know this whatever business there may be to transact, we must do it. You are as a mother and I am your son. If it be to you

you will arrive at martarpully on thursday night, and from sun rise on friday morning for the whole day we will carry on an attack on Pulaton to effect this business the people must be carefully placed in all the ditches.

Mamood Sayht with two hundred people will be at martarpully. As you understand all this business perfectly well, I do not write you any particulars. I shall act as you and his honor may please to direct.

(Signed) Camatchee Ammen.

P.S. you must bring a large supply of powder and ball.

To Mr. Thos. B. Hurdis,

Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

Your letters under date the 11th. 18th. and 29th. Instant and 3d. ultimo, respecting the succession to the Mambera Pollam, the expediency of calling out the Poligar Peons, the submission of the dispossessed Poligar of Yerricadoo and the arming and paying the Sibbendies, having been submitted to Government — the Board direct me to transmit to you, for your particular information and guidance, Extracts from their addresses to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council on these subjects, and of his replies.

Fort St. George
1st. March 1799

I am Sir, &c. &c.
J. B. Travers.
Secy.

Extract of a letter to Government dated 28th. January 1799.

We have now the honor of laying before your Lordship Copy of a letter from the Collector at Dindigul dated

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18th Instant stating the right of succession to the mambera Pollam to be in favor of pursaramah naique the Eldest Son of the late Poligar whose death we reported to you on the 8th December last, the Character of this young man given by the Collector being favorable and as he has arrived at the age of 19 years, we beg leave to propose to your Lordship his instatement in the mamberra Pollam, but his educa-tion having been neglected and as he has had no experience in revenue affairs, we shall desire Mr. Hurdis to nomi-nate a proper manager to assist him in the management of his Pollam, and that he take from him a Muchilka binding him to a faithful discharge of his duty for 3 years by which period the young man will be able to tran-sact his own business and we shall further recom-mend to the Collector to attend to the young man's progress.

In our letter of the 20th December we informed your Lordship that we should call on Mr. Hurdis for further information in regard to his suggestion of calling out the Poligar Peons in the event of hostilities.

In his reply which we have now the honor of submitting, Mr. Hurdis observes that his recommend-ation for calling out the Poligar peons arose from a conviction, that they would call them together whether the Circar ordered them or not, it was therefore his wish to anticipate the act of disobedience in them, to preserve the appearance of authority in the Pro-vinces which from the weakness of the battalion, on ac-count of the draft from it, is little more than nominal and which in the event of the Poligar assembling their

Peons

Peons of their own accord would increase their strength in proportion as they discovered the means of restraint wanting, but by assenting to his proposal Government would gain time to take measures for the defence of the Country, and that even were the Poligars to begin their predatory warfare, it would be a decrease of the numbers they would otherwise be able to send out for the purpose.

The Collector seems fully sensible of the propriety of the principle of prohibiting the Poligars from plundering in the Enemies Country. Policy and humanity demand that every measure which can provoke retaliation should be avoided as equally exposing the lives of the people, and the revenue to losses which the plunder of unfortunate Individuals in the Enemies Country can never Counterbalance, but he is of opinion that no order prohibiting of what they plead as mamool, no threat of the consequences of disobedience if there be not a sufficient force in that quarter will avail at such a season, and that the better way to restrain them, would be to enroll their Peons, for the defence of the Country in case of invasion.

If any circumstance could make it eligible to call upon the Poligars to furnish an armed force, the object pointed out by Mr Hurdis would seem to warrant it, but it is the object of the company, if possible by degrees to reduce their force - and we confess we are averse to doing any act, which shall give countenance to its support it is to be presumed the connection which subsists between the Poligars of

Tippoo's country and our own by relationship and inter-
marriage, would in General secure the Pollams of
either, from plunder, and that the Circar Lands of
both contries, would therefore be the sole object of their
depredations consequently those of Dindigul be equal-
ly a prey to friends and foes. under these circum-
stances it may be more advisable strictly to prohibit
aggression on the part of the Poligars in the Enemies
Country, but to defend their own Pollums in case of
attack, that those holding Cowelly in the Circar
Lands, shall be held responsible for the protection
of the Inhabetants, and their property, for the
security of which their own Pollums shall be held
answerable that the relations of the disposssed
Poligars shall be held responcible for their not
disturbing the peace of the Country, and that it
shall be promulgated that any dispossed Poligar
detected in attempting it, shall himself and
his Heirs be declared to have forfeited for ever
such assumed Pollam, never again to be restored.

A declaration in due season on the part
of the Collector to Tippoo's Poligars that so long as
they refrain from disturbing the peace of his distred
their tranquility shall not be disturbed, it is hoped
may also produce a good effect. We shall with
your Lordships sanction direct Mr Hurdis to cul-
tivate a good understanding with them, in the hope
of impressing them with the mutual advantage
of adhering to a conduct of forbearance and

threatening

threatening at the same time severely to punish any de-
-viation from it.

As to the alleged disaffection of the Dindigul Poligars from not being allowed a compensation for the sums exacted from them by Mr. Wynch dubash we cannot suppose the impression so strong as the Collector infers upon his adverting to it upon a former occasion he was inform-
-ed in our minutes of the 26th June 1797 that so far from any promise of restitution being made to them by the Committee, not even one Poligar expressed an expectation or hope of, or made the most distant allusion to it.—

Extract of Letter from Government dated 2d February 1799.

Conformably with your recommend-
-ation, we consent that Pursurama Naigue elder son of the late Poligar, be instated in the Mamberra Pollum, providing for the management of the Pollam, during the minority of the poligar by the appoint-
-ment of a manager.

We agree with you, as to the inexpe-
-diency of calling out the Poligars peons, and approve of the instructions which you have suggested for the Collector. Strictly to prohibit aggressions on the part of the Poligars, in the Enemy's Country, to defend their own in case of attack, and to cul-
-tivate a good understanding with the Poligars of Mysore, signifying to them, that so long as they refrain from molesting the Company's districts theirs shall not be disturbed

True Extract

(Signed) W. E. Wright.

Ag Dy Secry

Extract of a letter to Government Dated 11th February 1797

The Collector at Dindigul having reported to us the arrival, under a Cowle, at his Cutcherry of Villa Condama naique the dispossessed Poligar of Yerriadoo, and proposed his being allowed Monthly 100 Rupees for his subsistence, Chargeable on the Pollum, we beg leave to submit his letter upon the Subject.

This Poligar was dispossessed of his Pollum under the authority of Government, and a proclamation was published, under date 18th August 1796 proscribing him and his Pridanee and declaring the Pollum to be forfeited for ever, for his disobedience of Orders and for his having been guilty of many outrages in his Country, however, from what the Collector now reports and considering the present state of the Dindigul District, we recommend to your Lordships sanction the proposed allowance of 100 Rupees per Month, so long as he continues to conduct himself with propriety. also the present of 100 Rupees which the Collector mentions to have made him. The Collection from the Pollums last year amounted to C Chuckrums 11678-8-1/2 or Star Pagodas 6673-21-63.

It is observed by Mr Hurdis that it appears to him the character of the Pridanee has in part been given for that of the Poligar, upon this point it will be sufficient to refer your Lordships to the Report of the Committee to Government under date the 26th July 1796.

We have the honor of Submitting Extract

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of a further Letter from the Collector at Dindigul dated 3d Instant reporting his having applied to the Commandant of the Garrison to be supplied, on Indent, with a number of the old arms and accoutrements in store, for the use of the Sibbendy raised there — we request your Lordships Sanction for this purpose, and that Mr Hurdis be authorized to regulate the pay of the Sibbendies as he proposes.

Extract of a Letter from Government dated 23d February 1799.

We consent that Vellum Candasma naiga the dispossessed Polygar of Ayerradoe, may receive a pension of one 100 Rupees per Month chargeable against the Revenue of the Pollam.

The supply of arms for the Dindigul Sibundies must depend upon the Commanding officer of the Southern Division, to whom we desire the Collector's application may be made — and we authorize Mr Hurdis to regulate their pay in the manner he proposes, of Five Rupees each, to such of them as may submit to the regular use of the firelock.

True Extract.
(Signed) Wm E Wright.
Ag Dy Secry

My Dear Sir,

Captain Simons's letter to me contains nearly the same news as those given you.

Amidst such a variety of reports and rumours it is difficult to come at the true state of matters. I cannot think that any attempt will be made

whilst,

whilst the 1st of 2nd is incamped here.

1st March 1799 Yours &c.

(Signed) A Lindsay.

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To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire
Collector of Dindigul.

Sir, As it is probable that I may require Two Thousand Pagodas more for my disbursements than I have already indented for, I shall be obliged by your advancing me that further sum as soon as it is in your power.

Madura 3d March 1799. I have &c.
(Signed) Robt Hughes
Paymaster.

Translation of an Olah from the Natamacar of Cotampoondy of Pylney dated 22d of Maushe or 3d March 1799.

The camp is on the boundary of this place. People are collecting every day from the north and South.

Verapatchee's Careyacarer Tombeeky Moodely and Cadeya Pillay with a few people, have joined the Camp. The Venky Nabob is come within these bounds, and has stationed a guard within them. The business for which he is come is said to be very important and particular and that they talk very boastingly as do Verapatchees people.

On one side of the Camp is the Village Pagaloor of this place on another side is one of Verapatchees Villages. The inhabitants of Pudaloor being under alarm are returning therefrom — both the people

people from the camp and those from Veerapatchy's Village have been proling about Padaloor and have taken away with them water Chatties.

Verapatchee's people and the Fouzdar are much enraged against us, and intelligence have come from thence that they say in the Course of three or four days we are to become their enemies and intend in a most iniquitous way to ruin their whole country.

This day when their camp moved from Peelly-pully to Puthoor some of their horse came into our land, this caused such an alarm among the Ryots that many of them went off with their Bullocks and calfs to the Wood. One of the Ryots came to me and said the Horses were come to take all their Bullocks upon which I went out with ten men and followed them to the Boundary. They rode in and went out again without doing any thing. In consequence of this I have been very vigilant and they are enraged against me for being so. If I am certain of your protection what can I fear.

Should he (the Fouzdar) approach, in a transgressing manner, I shall do all in my power not to let him escaped. You will be pleased to give orders for there being sent me 10 Paras of peons with powder and balls 225 and you will then be acquainted with my Courage and ability.

I have done all in my power to quiet the alarms of the Ryots, but they will not listen to me.

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting to you the Plan of Ammattacras Pollum and the boundary stone is laid down according to your wish with the dotted line A e representing the disputed ground neither shewn by

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Ammanaigues or Ammatteras people.

We are getting on well with the Survey of the Nella Cottah Pollam and we have surveyed the boundary one mile from Attoor and the boundary includes to Buttalagoontah and it will cause as always to go there from here which is a great distant and hope your honor will give us further orders where to pitch our tents either at Attoor or Thellinecottah just as your honor thinks proper

I have &c.

Mennel Cottah,
3d. March 1797

(Signed) Jno. A. Johnson
A. R. S.

P. S. Your honor please to send an order by the Peon where to pitch our tents.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir, Upon a former occasion of your introducing under charges extraordinary, the Sibbendy raised to protect the Circar lands, I intimate to you the incorrectness of that mode of Entry. Since which time those disbursements have been properly brought to account under Revenue Battalion.

Having given these directions which must be well in your recollection. I am concerned you should again oblige me to notice the same indistinction in the accounts for October, November, December, & January, wherein the new raised Sibbendies at Pylney are classed under Extra Charges. I assure you these apparent trifling inaccuracies, give me much trouble and throw my office into disorder. You know the necessity of Keeping all disburse-ments

ments under their appropriate heads, therefore let me once more beg of you to be so careful. The necessary corrections are made in my office, and I will thank you to alter your Cutcherry accounts to prevent mistakes in the annual Statement.

Fort St George,
4th March 1799. (Signed) I am &ca
Geo Read
ABR.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis,
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir, The Books of my office being completed to the 31st January 1799 it is out of my power to comply with your request of the 18th Ultimo I therefore return the accounts Current and Abstracts &ca that accompanied it Vizt for November December and January.

Had you written me but a few lines on the subject of your intention to correct these accounts, I should have given it as my opinion that the Demand Collection and Balance for January could be made to correspond with the present Jummah 1208 by adding to the Column 1208 of Demand the increased assessment upon Fusly 1207 and that any alteration was unnecessary in the Treasury account because all adjustments therein are strictly forbidden by Regulations.

Be pleased to let me have without delay a corrected account Current & abstract for January bringing forward in the former the December Balance of Cash Str Pags 9,331, 24. 12.

Fort St George
5th March 1799. (Signed) I am &ca
Geo Read
A. B. R.

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Dear Macaulay

A letter of the 2d instant just received from Major Ramney acknowledges the receipt of General Harris second letter at 9 a. m. on the 2d which he says went off express to General Stuart in half an hour afterwards who has gone on to the Coorgy Country.

The Coimbatorians are collecting—

The Princess Royal had arrived at Bombay from England—

Lackia naig's very numerous Banditti are hanging on the Pylnee borders and have committed some plundering—he is powerfully aided by the dewans of the Sultan and the Pylney district is under so much alarm as to have induced the sending the 8 Companies of the 1st of the 2d that way—to appease a little the agitation—

The western Poligars of Dindigul, Dara-poram and Anamaly favor the banditti but I hope we shall keep all quiet until Caroor falls.

The 8 Companies will start hence the 15th to join the Detachment.

Wishing you success

I am &c

6th March 1799
3 P. M.

(signed) T. B. Hurdis

P.S. On second thoughts I enclose you both Ramney's letter that your brains may be puzzl'd in decyphering his pothooks

I read that General Stuart is on the [illegible] border of the Coorgy Country—

My Hirkarrah says he heard was at Baiswapatum

My dear Sir,

That no mistake may happen in leaving vacant of a force the Fort of Yerracotah, I beg you will have the goodness to direct the Sirdar of Peons, sent to occupy that Post, to carry and deliver the accompanying letter to Subadar Ali Khan.

The letter contains orders for the Subadar's marching with all his Detachment, as soon after the receipt of this letter as possible, to join me in the vicinity of Pylney.

From what I have learned I conduce the Nellacotah Post an important one, but still think that it might be fully defended against the usual irruptions of the Colleries and others, by Sibbendies

Robertson will move this way as soon as my letter reaches him. I purpose setting out early in the morning of the 10th but will have the pleasure of seeing you before then.

Dindigul,
8th March 1799.

Yours truly,
(Signed) A. Leindsay.

My dear Sir,

By an Express received last night Colonel Brown has made a new arrangement, in which the detail of regulars and Sibbendies to be left at the Stations of Pylney and it is particularly specified. It also expressly details the strength of the field Detachment and of this Garrison. I shall have the pleasure of seeing you after Breakfast, but give you a sketch of the arrangement now.

9th March 1799.

Yours truly
(Signed) A Leindsay.

From ammia nay to Mr. Hurdis 9th March 1797.

The Enayel nama you have now been pleased to send me I have received and understand its contents. Every thing therein written is very proper. you acquaint me that the people of my Village Velloda have been into the Keelcotta lands to hunt. It is because the Keelcotta people are not just that they went to the Circar to complain of this. and you desire me in order to prevent my people again entering the Keelcotta lands against mamool right, to send them a Takeed for that purpose.

you must learn from the Keelcotah people what is really and evidently just in this business and desire them to speak the truth. You will also be pleased to enquire from Nellacotta and adeyanoot respecting this business and you will learn the truth. whether when the people of my Villages of Velloda and Pachamalyen cottah go into that country to hunt, it is a breach of mamool or not. From the time the Rock at Dindigul became known or that Tottam was made, the Keelcotta people have not done any thing so atrocious as this. Though the Braminy kite is in health and prosperity he continues to commit these atrocious thing. by enquiring into these you will learn the truth. For fear of the Circar I cannot enjoy all my mamool rights. I cannot conceive what influence the Keelcotta man has.

Yesterday friday in the dead of the night the Colleries of Vepanoot in the Piramaly naut came to my Village Covelpatty of Yedatooth and seized some Bullocks, the people of the Village hearing of it came out, and the Colleries wounded 5 or 6 of them, but let go the bullocks and went away.

Of the wounded people one has died, and two or three others will die in a day or two - When Patapiramiah the madura Renter and Gopaula Kistna were some times ago with the Circar at Dindigul for one Month - the Sirooomaly Callaries remained very quiet - but since Gopala Kistna has been Amildar at Madura they have committed many great enormities in the Villages - Last night they came into Pullapully Village and seized some bullocks, as the people of the Village who were awake and saw this they beat and broken their arms and then run away having released the Bullocks - If the Circar will send a Takeed to the Madura Amildar respecting the inconvenience of the Cullaries they will be restrained - Otherwise the Ciramaly Col-leries will plunder the whole Country - This being a famine year my whole Pollum will certainly be ruined by Colleries - On account of the present famine and the Ryots being in consequence obliged to remain idle in their houses I earnestly hope the Circar will be pleased to send a Takeed to the Madura Amildar ordering him to restrain the Colleries. I have according to orders sent attached to my Villages ordering the inhabitants not to go and hunt in the Keelcotta lands till the Circar shall have enquired and learned whether it is a breach of mamool or not. From this none of the Bullocks or sheep of my people shall go there to feed nor shall my people hunt there or get wood and grass from thence. If any one should go therein, whatever punishment he may meet with I shall not complain to the Circar

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In case any of Asmuttergy's people's cattles should stray without his bounds either into my Pollum or into the disputed ground between us or if any of his people should come there for wood or grass should they come into my Pollum in either of these cases, you will be pleased to send me a Takeed informing what punishment my people, who may see them, may inflect on such occasion without preferring a complaint to the Circar. If the Keelcutta people should act contrary to this, and any of my people that see them come within my bounds will not have patience to write to me for orders and wait till he may receive an answer. Every thing I know I have written you and you must not be displeased with me. If you order him to keep within his own boun[ds] I shall continue within mine. I send you an olai from the people of Yettelode Village to me and I entreat you will protect me and my Ryots.

Verbal Representation of Alghery in favor of Rengiah of Taaftoor to T Lushington Esqr on the 10th March 1799.

That on the death of Rengiah his uncle has become a Heir to all of his private concerns owing to his infancy on supporting him and afterwards his uncle too departed his life issue, and his aunt with all her brothers has taken away all his fathers property and merchendize Goods went to Dindigul District, and remained there under the protection of Guntuppa Naigue Poligar when to Mr Thurdis and complained to him, he ordered to the man Beema Row to cause the said Poligar to

abovementioned property and goods to Saewful (meaning the Boy Reengiah) and leave them from his protection which the Polligar has not put in.

I therefore humbly beg and entreat you will be pleased to take this into your serious consideration and grant a letter to Mr Hardis at Dindigul to the said Polligar to put his order into execution."

My dear Sir,

War is declared - but if you have not mentioned it to any body knowing it before this - I have to beg the favor of you not to do it until our Department is on foot and on.

I have to beg the favor of you to grant a very Sufficient Guard to the Treasure from Pylney - that we may at least ensure victuals and drink for the next Month

Be so good to let me know the quantity of bread you would wish should come to you that I may give directions in case you should have left none.

The Tappal not yet in - should there be any news you shall have it from

14th March 1799
Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

My dear Sir &c
(Signed) T. B. Hardis

P.S. A note from Robertson just received tells me he apprehends your intention is to assemble your detachment at the Pandals - this my good Sir, I hope is not the case as it would serve no good cause whatever - unless move by Six or eight miles to the Northward.

I recommended from Keernoor by Cotampundy to Callimundar of Verapatchee and this because

from a thorough knowledge of the whole country. I know a movement in that direction will be of most use the Pandals are too much in the rear being more south than even Pylney - forage is plenty every where.

The Village of Wariaputty is about five miles N. of the Pandals inclining to the W. when we were against Tomba Gour we halted some time there and drew supplies from Sagoody.

I send you the × are paper.

(signed) T. B. Hurdis.

My dear Sir,

I arrived here this morning. The Poligar who was so obliging to Captn. Robertson, refused to let me have a toty or other person, to carry a letter to Pylney tho' I offered to give not only the stipulated hire, but also a present. You know to what account his civility to the Bn. and incivility to me, is to be set down.

I sent on a letter by a Sepoy, tired as he was, to acquaint Captain Simons that in consequence of the information given me by you, of Luckia naique and his abettors being at Pallaputty, I should form the detachment at the Pendals, to which place I beg you will order the hircarrahs, for I expect to get little intelligence from any of the Veroopatchee Poligar's people, about the road supplies to be had &c. &c., points upon which my motions must in a great measure depend. As almost every place in this region has its namesake, it will remove ambiguity if they can be discriminated from one another. I beg you will direct all my letters to be sent to Captain Trotter who will pay their Postage

Postage - Pray give instructions about my daily bread, two loaves or a double one, by which, you will much oblige, my dear Sir,

11th March 1799. Yours truly

Camp near Veerapatchee (Signed) A. Lindsay.

My dear Sir,

I have just got your favor of the 11th mine of yesterday's date will give you my openion of the places for forming the detachment - at the Pandals or any place within the Veerapatchee Pollum so distant from our borders you will find great difficulty in getting Supplies nor will any order of mine induce the Poligar to make himself more accommodating whilst the means of enforcing the orders are wanting.

I will order the Pylney Tahsildar to send you the Peons to the Pandals who will well do to keep up communication with Pylney, Yerracottah and Dindigul - The Tahsildars are ordered to give you every intelligence they may have but I would recommend you not to trust the Peons in that capacity but rather to employ your own people to check what you may hear from others.

I am very anxious for the safe arrival of the Kist money from Pylney - and the more so since you have altered your intention of calling the Troops from Pylney to form at the Pandals - I have however to request that a strong Guard may be sent to and remain at Pylney until it be ready to be sent on which must be in the Course of three days they will not be detained one moment here but shall join you

wherever

wherever you may be.

Ambiguity in names of places will easily be removed by enquiring to what Pollam or Talook the Village belongs.

I have directed the Pylney Tahsildar to endeavour to prevail on some dukandars to be with your detachment to ensure if possible regular supplies for those people. I have to beg your attention and protection.

Lutchia naique by this days report is near Arwar-courichee. Pullaputty is about two Gurries only from it, and I dont understand that he has left that place.

Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

I am &c

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Dindigul 12th March 1799

My dear Sir,

In consequence of the information given me in the back of Col. B's letter of the reappearance of L. N. and his abettors at Pullaputty, I was apprehensive for the safety of that place and that I might be immediately in a condition to march, if called on, to protect it, desired Captain Simons to send the greater part of his Detachment to meet me this morning at the Pandals. The party arrived before the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and I was unwilling to march them back same day.

There is no road from this to Poriarputty by which even a loaded bullock can go, the path being so narrowed by bushes and broken by rivers. As all apprehension for Y. is done away by your letter of the 11th, I shall proceed tomorrow to Pylney, and the day after to Kier-nore to shew the detachment and inspire with confidence all

all the well effected. If it tend to freghten into obedience those who are disposed to be otherwise so much the better. Collumpundy will be the third stage, as far as I now judge - I had a visit this forenoon from Captain Simons. The detail for a brigade of Guns is intended, I imagine, for this detachment - If 2 Trav. Companies are sent, and take this Net-duty, and enable that detail or its equivalent from the Dindigul Garrison, to join, it will be well - I thank you for the papers, and in return, sent you with them Lt. Col. Cameron's letter to me, which, having neither leisure nor assistance to copy, will you for the improvement of your sibbendy Corps, of regimental particulars - And this letter tells me that the 4 Cos of the 19th Regt remain still at Nagapatnam. If you will allow a double loaf to be daily sent, and twice a week two of them, by your tapal people, it will not overburthen them, and may render S- and myself the fitter for fatigue.

As all my movements would be disclosed by enquiries among the Villagers, and I should moreover be exposed to deception and all its fatal consequences, I intend offering high wages for hirkarrahs that know the country, and crave your assistance in this material point. The Subadar from Oyer tells me that the place might, at a trifling expense, be rendered much stronger, but that your Awildar discourages every alteration that would render it less difficult for an enemy - Does he not deserve gosh-mall, in withholding what 3 or 4 Rupees labour would effect?

Of the complisance of your Poligar chieftains,

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and the truth of your remark respecting them. I have had experimented in being refused a toty or other person, who should have been rewarded in an expectation to carry a letter - The conjuncture requires they should be caused or ——— If you have got the declaration, oblige me with a sight of it - If not I expect a copy soon; and shall send it you.

Camp near the Pandals
12th March 1799.
5 - P. M.

Yours &c.
(Signed) A Lindsay

P.S. Pray send Cameron's letter to Captn Trotter when you have perused it.

Signed A Lindsay

My dear Sir,

Your favor, and the first two loaves are just received, and prove acceptable.

I have directed Captn Simms to send a Sube 2 Havr 2 N. & 36 instead of 25 Sepoys with the Cash.

I have moreover desired Captain S. to tell your Tass that if any uncommon risk is apprehended to delay the dispatch of the money till I can move near Verapadee.

Camp at Waggary
12th March 4 P.M.

Your's truly
(Signed) A. Lindsay.

My dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 12th I am sorry the jungle has grown so much lately between Bourepatty and the Pandals - If I did not know the country very well myself I might believe the report but. I assure you whoever reported to you either knew nothing of the matter or paid no attention to truth.

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I wish the Travancorians could join - it would be a noble addition -

I can give you no assistance in hircarrahs - not having one attached to me - and from a knowledge of the country people I know not one whom I can trust.

The Subidar does not speak all the truth respecting the person he calls Amildar of Yerricottah who so far from discouraging repairs urges them much - and it is by express order from me that none are made - and this because the Board will not allow one Cash to be expended without their Sanction.

None of my people can expend one Cash - without my orders so that the Gosh Molly must ascend to me and thence upwards.

We have nothing but insolence to look to - from the Poligars at present but I hope a very short time will get them drubbed into order.

I have not got the declaration, should it - come, I will send it.

The Pylney Tahsildar will have told you the Darapoor's trick should you be able I hope these fellows will get a licking from you.

The Tappal not yet in.

Dindigul
13th March 1799.
Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

Yours very truly
(signed) J. B. Hurdis.

My dear Sir,

When I had yesterday the pleasure of writing you, I intended going on to Pylney, but learning on the march of the people who were carrying money from Nellampollum being waylaid and plundered, I was - induced

induced to change my route, and come hither. Today's has been a long march, and the Detachment provided for their protection has past 5 considerable Pattahs not laid down in my sketch. At Conaeumpulty I turned off from the Pylney road, and marched afterwards almost due North. The Villagers, who were not apprised of any such force being near, crowded the road side to look on and seemed not displeased at the Spectacle. Here is no rice. I intended going on to Partoor, the scene of the robbery, but I have certain information that the hamlet is inconsiderable and has nothing for the support of the Detachment. Partoor, I am told, is only 5 gurries off. I shall move tomorrow to Keernoor, where I expect to be joined by Captain Simons, who, after alotting a Subadar, 2 Havil 2 N. and 24 Sepoys, for the money escort will proceed with the remainder, excepting the sick unable to march, and who must therefore be left at Pylney, to join me.

The jungle between the Hills of Mampara and the Verapatchy ridge, is passible only by the peons who found like deer. The Subadar, who took the best possible near route from Yerr to Pylney, was obliged to march his men the greater part of the road by the Indian file. The vegetation is so strong that the roads cut by the Battn formerly employed in this district, and which remained encamped near a month at Boorcaipulty, are now overgrown, and not a vestige left that could be traced even by Sepoys, who belonged to the Corps, and assisted in the cutting. At the last siege of Pondicherry a full grown palmaira Tope was found to occupy the space of one of our batteries in the siege of 78.

I believe

Believe me, my dear Sir, that my anxiety for the preservation of the peace of the district is equal to your own, but since war is carried on, it is to be apprehended that mischief will be made, were there even more Bns in the district.

I write this under the shade of a tree, as the tents are not yet come up.

Camp near Wagara,
13th March 1799 at 11 P.m

My dear Sir, &c
(Signed) A Lindsay.

My dear Sir,

Your favor of the 13th is just come to hand.

What the Subadar told me about the tract by which he marched is all very correct, and has been confirmed by other information. Your hircarrahs must either mean a more circuitous route, or have spoken without knowledge.

As to the ruins of Yerracottah. I have nothing to add, but to lament that any Fort thought proper to be occupied should be allowed to crumble into decay.

My yesterdays march was a long one, and part of it thro' jungle that will ever, unless cut, be impossible to troops.

I arrived here this Morning, and was joined by Captn Simons with the remainder of his detail, except the sick necessarily left behind, and the Guard gone with the money, which I trust will be safely secured.

Excepting the robbing and carrying off the Bramin, as it is given out, to Daraporam, I have not been able to hear any other disturbances in this quarter.

The rumours I have been able to learn about L. Naigue are various and discordant. He seems,

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from general report, to be continually shifting his abode.

My next motions will probably be to Cut-tampandy, Poorooloor, Cuttamunda, unless certain information, or circumstances, alter my route.

Your Pylny Tahseldar arrived here an hour ago with a body of his peons — he is able to give me good news.

I have doubt of proving superior to any force that may for a while appear in this quarter. Against the mischief of scattered plunderers, no perfect remedy has yet been found out.

Camp near Hirnoor.
14th March 1797
at noon.

Yours &c
(Signed) A Lindsay.

My dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 11th. the direction you moved in was chiefly thro' the Tyagoody Pollum. You will find the places in the sketch I gave you the principal — Conacumputty belongs to Tyagoody. You will get no rice in the dry grain villages, but you will find I have desired dukauns may be sent if possible to be got. Purtoor could afford no rice.

You must excuse me if I do no credit the Subadar I know all the roads myself and it is not six months since I was in some of them. The case is this he I apprehend has been deceived. As I have frequently myself by the Poligar's people, who make the way difficult and long purposely to prevent a knowledge of the variety being detainted. I have twice been led a journey of eleven miles wh they do in six. The first time I was ignorant the bolt I went

went it purposely to punish the scoundrels who misled me

The road from Yerracottah to Pylney is a good road Major Haliburton once travelled it in a bandy. There was no road cut by the Battalion at Boricarpatty nor any in the district but the high road thro' Verapatchee and Pylney to Paulghaut by Annamally.

I would recommend you not giving credit to the Sepoys who have told you they assisted at the cutting. I went from the Pandals to Boricarpatty with the detachment, was with it whilst there about seven days that I went into Pylney and there was no cutting of jungle. Captain Simons also can tell you as much.

The banditti, who plundered, wounded, & carried away one of the Gomastahs, and Goar of Nellampollum certainly acted under the Dewan's order. I   the Tahsildar to demand them of him should he not give them up we must try other means of getting them.

14th March 1799

Yours very truly,
(signed) J. B. Hurdis

From Verapatchee Poligar to Mr Hurdis 14th March 1799

To the 4th of this month Panguny I have continued diligent in my duty to the Company. The Enayet nama you have now been pleased to send me I have read and understand its contents, and considered as very proper advice.

The reasons for my money not have yet arrived at the Hoozoor are, the Battalion came and remained near my Pollum for one day, and the next they

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marched about three miles to the westward thereof where they remained three days. From the Village at that place they made trouble and took grass and fodder.

When they were about to return to Dindigul they went to my Village of Cailangyputty from whence they took grass and fodder in the same way, and from this place the Commanding officer wrote me a letter in which he desired that I would send 14 Coolies, who on their arrival at Dindigul should be paid their hire and returned. I accordingly sent him 14 people. When this camp was returning to Dindigul another arrived from the westward with one officer and stop at the place where the other Camp had been in my Pollum.

The camp that moved to the Eastward stop'd at Mulypaddy, when the Coolies I had supplied the Camp requested they might return to their Villages, but the Commanding officer said they must come with him as far as Verallymally where they would be paid their hire and sent away. On this account some of them were alarmed, and two very improperly came away, the other twelve went with the Camp.

The Camp that arrived last remained at the same place to the West of my Pollum, the former Battalion had been at. Where they were joined by an officer and some Sepoys from Pylney, and the day afterwards proceeded on. On these accounts and the Sepoys having been going and coming for these last nine days, the inhabitants of my Pollum have been in a state of alarm, and have not brought

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in their money; whenever I try to inspire them with confidence, they will not be appeased - I shall collect the money and send it, and trust you will ever protect me & my Pollum -

My dear Sir,

Your favor is just received. The road is a subject on which we have continued till we have missed one another - I alluded to the Subadar's tract, which, as where approached Verapatchee within 4 miles, and you mean the high road leading directly from Ver: to Booreampatty, but it is circuitous to avoid the jungle and ravine.

The sketch with which you obliged me being hastily invented is not filled up, and is, I suspect, very erroneous, but of this I shall be better able to judge hereafter — Only 2 places of the 7 or 8 past near, on my march of the 13th, are laid down - of my yesterday's march not a single place -

I intend taking a winding course to Mamparah, and returning across the valley by a different route, to be in time to reach the vicinity of Pylney against the last days of the feast, when, your Tahsildar tells me, the proximity of the Det. may prevent trouble. But all is only intention, which occurrences may alter - I wish to be useful and hope for your assistance to be more effectually so - In 8 or 10 days, I trust the whole adjacent country of the enemy will be ours, by the voluntary of [illegible]

The news of Tippoo's defeat will reach you this evening. It would seem from the hircarrah's report

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that many of the inhabitants in the tract by which he came wish for, and expect an early change of matters.

The being without rice for a day or two is a matter of no moment. The Village people, in consequence of your orders, showed the utmost alacrity in exposing for sale whatever they had. They even contrived, after the dispatch of my letter, to bring rice to the market.

I am anxious for a letter from Col. Brown, and hope he will give me a copy, or extract, from the declaration of war for my guidance.

Your Tahsildar still expects the restoration of the money and release of the Bramin. The latter I think probable, but not the former. My march tomorrow will probably be to Peer-toor, which will bring me within 6 gurries of road of Dara poram, if hircarrahs are to be relied on. This nearness will certainly alarm them. I shall probably take a look at Yerriacottah, and Robert-son's palace in it.

What think you of visiting this part of your Col-lection, and paying your respects to Swamy, like other devout men, at the approaching great feast, which begins either today or tomorrow? I could receive you into safe care near Veroopat-chee, and see you so far back again. I am, my dear Sir,

Yours truly
(Signed) A. Lindsay

Camp near Hirnoor,
15th March, 1799. At 4 P.M.

To T. B. Hardis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir. I did myself the pleasure of writing to you on the 12th Instant per Bearer of your quilled note.

The enclosed paper marked No. 1. is the answer of the two Rawtemars residing at Pudianagarom, to the complaint preferred at your Cutcherry against them, by the Subadar at Dindigul. I understand that the respondents are equally as respectable & wealthy merchants, as the complainant; equal credit, therefore should be given to their respective stories. The rubbish beetlenut was not stopped by the Maniar, or native custom Master at Pudianagurum, as asserted in his declaration, but detained by the Cochin Rajah's people at Tattamangul; the name of the Maniar at which place, happens to be the same with that of the maniar at Pudianagurom (Chimaputta). The embargo upon the Beetlenut was taken off shortly after its imposition.

The complaint in question, cannot in my opinion be settled without both parties are contented, with each other.

Palghautcherry
15th March 1799

I have &c.
(Signed) Thos Hardis
Collector of Palgh.

P.S. The accompanying paper numbered 2 contains an attestation made to Mr Drummond, by the native custom officer of Podianagaram.

My dear Sir,

Your favor of yesterday is just received. The news of a force come to the Caroor district are, I trust, not true, as Tippoo by his late defeat will have more occasion than ever for all his troops. To withstand such an alliance as that which assails him on all sides would require some thing more than even the political and military talents of his father Hyder.

Your Palney Tahsildar is so extremely solicitous about the banditte that have lately quitted Darapooram, and gone westward, that I am induced to postpone my eastern range to Mambera for some days, and march tomorrow to Talliool to try if be practicable to get hold of Moottookeroonga, or any of his banditte. I do this the more readily because I have not heard of any danger apprehended to the Eastd.

A Sirdar & 50 horse deserted from Tippoo and come over to the Gr Army. The 4 Comys of the 19th Regt left Negapam on the 10th. The mogul horse remain with Onally. It is feared that it will be the 20th ere Col. B. moves.

Our weather is intensely hot. I am glad to hear of the safe receipt of the Cash.

I return the Madras & keep the Bombay Courier till tomorrow.

Camp near Kirnoor,
16th March 1799 at 5 P.M.

I am &c.
(Signed) A. Lindsay

Translation of a declaration given by Paramasawmy Pillay dated 16th March 1799

The Veroopatchee Poligars man Yellappa Moodly went into the naats & brought with him Goolapa Naigs man Sunmoogum Pillay, Auriapatty Cobiany tavan & 3 Colleries, of these he sent Cubianytavan and the Collers who came with him to Veroopatchee

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—— Verupatchee on the 16th Mausy or 24th February by the high road of Cunnivady and came to Palia Cunni-vaudy where I lived on the 17th Mausy or 25 February in the morning, and desired me to go with them to Vera-patchee I had already intended to go there & as they called me I went with them on the same day thro' the Cannivady Bazar street, and arrived at Veroopatchee that evening where were Auriaputty Culiany Taven and the 3 Collers of whom I asked, when did you come? he answered me, we came a little before you and asked where did you come from? I answered him I came from Paliacunnivady with Thunmoogum pelly.

The same night Culiany Taven with the 3 Collers and myself visited the Verupatchee Poligar. The Poligar told us the happy time now is approaching to all Poligars under distress. Go both of you Culiany Taven and Paramasawmy Pilly to Gonjee Rawm who came at the Head of the Mysore Camp now at Pullipatty in their bounds close to the Pylney bounds and as both my man Tombichee Moody and Poojary Naig's man Camy Reddy are there I will send people to accompany you to that place. I told him I cannot go as I am distressed for expences. The Poligar said he will give you money, if you will not take my advice why do you come to me. Afterwards I went to my lodging place.

On the morning of the 18th Mausy or 26th Febry Poojary Naig's man Comi Reddy came to the Veroopat-chee Poligar from the Mysore Camp and asked him for money saying as the Camp which was so many days

a far off

a far off was now nearer he must return soon - The Poligar called us before Comy Reddy and told us what he said to him and desired us to go also quick to the Camp that he will give to go with us He gave me for my expence five Rupees Caliany Taven five Rupees and Comy Reddy five Rupees and sent us with Comy Reddy giving a Palanquin Boy to go with us but sliped Goolapa Naigs man Shun-mooguin Pilly - At this time he told Comy Reddy you & my man Tombichee moodly together shall have these Coliany Taven & Paramasawmy Pilly introduced to the Commandant of the Camp and make bundobust that Goolapa Naig and other dispossessed Poligars may possess their respective Pollums - He told Comy Reddy also to tell the Commandant that there is much business to be done by this Coliany Taven and told him to get him presents

We set out the same night with Comy Reddy and arrived at Ganjee Cawns Camp at Pulleeputty about 10 oClock and slept in the same place where Verupatchee Tombicha Pilly lives - On that very moment Comy Reddy and Tombichee moodly went to Ganjee Cawn & informed him of our arrival and what the Verupatchee Poligar has said to Comy Reddy - On the morning of the 19th or 27th February they carried us to Ganjee Cawn, and by their advice we visited him keeping a Nuzzeer with 3 of the Rupees I had and 2 Rupees Caliany Taven had - He having accepted the Nuzzer told us, you have nothing to consider of, but all the Poligars have to obay whatever Verupatchee Poligar says. Also he said, I have told every thing to his man Tombichy moodly, and he has written to the Poligar -

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He gave Caliany Taven a Turband and gave him a Cadjan the contents of which were, you the eight Vanedum people are to seize this and plunder in every place beginning from the Madura Country and told him by word of mouth that whatever horse, Palanqueens, Match lock & Money he got to give to the Circar but the Cattle, sheep, Cloths and grain &c they are to keep themselves having said this he took out a red paper written on a gentoo from a purse and gave it to Caliany Taven to shew it to every one and keep it as a (a Seal) or mark & bid us go. We set out about 10 O'Clock and came to Caricam-puttY of Veroopatchee Pollum stayed there that day. On the 20th Mausy or 28th February in our way to Veroopachee Caliany Taven sent one of his man Alagapen with me and he went to Perloor with others where his people are. I and Alagapen arrived at Veroopatchee and reported to the Poligar what had passed there. He said I will send every information by and by. Shunmoogum Pilly went yesterday and you may go to your Village.

I left Verupatchee on the 21st Mausy or 1st March and came to Cunnevady immediately. The Poligar asked me what did you go to Veroopatchee for and why did not you let me know of it. I don't want such man to stay in my Pollum. I asked him where shall I go to. He answered you may go either to Amma Neignoor or Verupatchee. I told him I cannot go, then he bid me to stay at Iyam-pollum. From that to this time I lived in the Cunnivady Country.

Moottoo Thervegan who lived in Cunnivady told me

me one month ago that he was going to Luckia Nay on thursday and wanted me to go with him. I asked him the reason of his going there. He answered Luckia Nay has sent people to me to bring the Poligars who wish to go to him. I told him I cannot go.

My dear Sir,

Your favor of 15th I got at midnight. I did not examine the sketch with the original - but as I told you before there are none but principal Villages put down. Many of the hamlets you will find larger than the Villages on which they depend - if you will return the Sketch I'll examine it with the original and if wrong correct and return it.

Unless alarms call you towards Yerricottah I would wish you to remain on the Pylney frontier - as the Tahsildar writes from Yerricottah that there is no alarm at present on that side.

When Colonel Brown's Detachment marches I think all will be easy. I shall most probably join him or you. at present I am tied down.

A letter from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast with particulars of the battle of the 6th to Lord Mornington was sent open for Col. Browns inspection & mine. The whole loss is under 60 in killed & wounded on our side - and the Coorge Resident reports Tip. to be severely beaten.

I hope you have the Batigues with you - Verupatchee you must depend on for nothing. I have got one of his emissaries to Gaza Cawn the march of the Battalion to the Pandals prevented his intensions - but he is determinedly resolved in favor of the Sultan's views be guarded therefore against him for he is a very wretch indeed.

Not a line of news.

very truly yours.

17th March 1799.

(signed) T. B. Hurdis.

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P.S. The . . . . joined at Coortalum 12th

I send you copy of the Coorge Resident's letter which Simons and yourself having perused be so good to return me

My dear Sir,

Your favor of the 17th is this instant received, 2 P.M., and I thank you for the transcript of news which I return.

Since being on the borders I hear a great variety of rumours, and really pity the harmless ryots, who are so much exposed to loss of property and life by a banditti, who may have perpetrated the mischief, and gone off, even before I hear of their movement.

The far greater part of Tippoo's Villages are defenceless, and of his little forts, not excepting Darapooram, if my intelligence is good, defendants are ready to run off on the approach of the Detachments, but it would be barbarous to plunder the former, or alarm their inhabitants, and it would be useless to take possession of the latter, as I have no force to leave Garrisons in them, and the defendants would immediately return or employ themselves in burning and laying waste the country. On the fall of Caroor, it is probable that all the little places will apply for Cowl.

I am glad to hear that there is no alarm to the Eastwd. and shall continue some time longer in this quarter. Tomorrow I intend marching to Tyampollum. Your Pyl Tahsildar thinks the 21st will be a dangerous day to him and the worshippers, but I hope to be able to quiet their fears, by being near them. Some of Verapatchies peons are said to have gone Northwd. The outlaws and fugitives from the Company's territory seem active to engage adherents.

Camp near Faltunt,
18th March 1799.

(Signed) Yours &c.
A. Lindsay.

From the Cunnevady Poligar to Mr Hewlits 10th March 1777

After Compliments To the 8th of this month Pangoony I have continued deligent in the Company's concerns According to the orders contained in the Enagel nama you were pleased to send me before by Kistnama Naig, respecting Pely Taven a Colliery being in Naradingapoorum Country I sent my younger Brother with a few people, who searched for him among the woods and bushes, but could see nothing of him, and they returned to the Village in the evening. That Pely Taven was in Naradingapoorum Country must have been a false report for I have sent people to enquire after him in every quarter, and I have received intelligence that he Teroocarety Perca mayen, and his brother Mootten, with a few people are in Veroopatchee. In order to learn the truth of this I sent a man to Veroopatchee to make enquiry respecting it when he returned he told me the following particulars of this news. That those two people with the assistance of some people of that Village intend to commit mischief at the Pangoony feasts. Also that they meant to make plunder in the Company's districts. This is true that I have written And if you will please to make strict enquiry you will learn that it is so. Besides this Veropatchee sent a man to Cullia-nataven and some others of Aricapully to call them to him. He then sent them to visit the Tookry man from whom they received presents of Cloths &c and were desired then to return to the Nauls by the way of the Hills. This is the reason of his sending for the Naul people, to speak with them as I have learned all this news. Being as your Child I have informed you of it by my Arzee. This Arzee was written when the one you have now sent me by Kistnama Naig arrived

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which I have read and understand its contents. Every- therein written is proper advice and I shall accordingly- conduct myself in obedience to your orders, and shall neither listen to the bad advice of any people, or intermeddle in any- thing improper - For what reason could I wish to send an Olah to the Sevantaig of Ramghery, what good can I get there- His reasons for writing to Cawny Cawn I know not - If you make proper inquiry you will learn whether I have been making friends with Luckya Naig or with the Colleries. From the Mysorians I suffered much affliction, from the Company I have enjoyed every thing goodly - I have known & experienced this all along - As I esteem affliction I hope for prosperity - I have listened to no more than true advice and conduct at any time in the least degree. If you will enquire into what the other Poligars have been saying to- Cawney Cawn and their conduct to him, as also their writing to the Colleries, what I have said will be found true - By enquiring you will also know whether I have said one word or done any thing treacherous to the Company, as other Poligars have - I never can believe in that way. I did not write by Moottoo Thevegar to Ramghery - If he or any Poligar do any thing that I know of against the Company's interest I will not suffer them to come within my lands. That the Colleries may not come through my districts to do mischief in the Circar lands I have ordered and- shall keep my Cowelly peons very watchful - Hoping for the protection of the Company I shall ever pray for it - I shall ever be obedient to the orders of the Circar only - I shall not be the cause of my own ruin, and that of my people, by interfering either directly or indirectly in any

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wicked business. I am hoping to enjoy your favor and that you will moreover extend your goodness with me by protecting my Children.

I am waiting your further orders for my conduct.

My dear Sir,

I had just received your pencilled Chit — for the contents of which and promptness accept my best thanks. When I got a letter from Yercottah intimating that the assembly broke up from quarrel among themselves, Jallel Cawn, who was yesterday sent express to you met the Verupatchee peons on their return. The Predan and four horses were with them.

I have now to hope this will prevent your going on to Yercottah as the danger there threating over there is certainly great room for apprehension at Pylney to which place or near it my wishes now are for your return — this the as you can do it, but necessary if possible without too much harass.

I have laid in Moctor Sherogar and I have hopes its seized ereptum but I say no more.

Cawden Condasawmy and Comorawallee Gour will certainly exhibit at Pylney but when we cannot say.

As you will have missed your bread, I send you some biscuits there is not a loaf to be got.

17th March 1799
10 P. M.

Very truly yours
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis.

My dear Sir,

I wrote you by express yesterday which I earnestly hope may have reached you to deter your moving so far to the west as Tamsolum. I apprehended the

the fears of the Gomastah there may have led him to represent stronger than truth, and if so I fear the deviation will be the cause of much loss to us. The detachment being centrical to Yerecottah & Pylney could at least check attempts on either and had the route been more to the North it would have saved much trouble.

The Caron's people have been joined by Veerapatchee peons to the number of four hundred and a letter last night from Yerecottah informed the assembly was increasing.

The attack had better be on Pylney if the two Talooks of Yerecottah and Pylney cannot be defended as the Peons are more numerous there than Yerecotta, and if Yerecotta be successfully attacked it will be very unpleasant.

It would avail nothing to attack any front of Tip's districts, but to give the means of spiteful revenge to the execrable banditto – we shall I hope get them by their own desire in a few days.

The Indian system of plunder is diabolical and tho' Mr Tip does it on us, I hope none of our people will be so inhuman as to retaliate.

I am under great anxiety for Yeracottah and hope your movement will be North East by N. to save both it and Mumbara if possible.

For your own sake place no trust in any of the Veerapatchee people.

Yours very truly
19th March 1799 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
6 P.M.
Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

My dear Sir,

The instant I received your letter, I left the General, & instead of Tyamfollium, came hither on my march to Yerracottah.

From the considerable distance between Yerracottah and Pylney, and the central ground belonging to Veroopatchee, and whose villages I can not be subsisted, I perceive it will be impossible to protect both places effectually because every step taken to relieve one leaves the other more distant and exposed. — The banditti have so many friends, and such a perfect knowledge of the country, and of the Detachments movements that coming up with them is hopeless. More troops are indispensably necessary for the security of the country against the avowed and secret enemies.

I indulged the hope that the Detachment under Captn. O'Rielly and the Mogul Horse, would have overawed all the disaffected in the Paullampitty quarter, but now I even doubt if the marching of the Trichy. Detacht. will effect it.

To men of desperate fortunes, and outlaws, like Luckia Naigue, Moottoosherogar, and others, nothing but the want of means to be mischievous can keep them quiet.

I intend marching tomorrow to Vadaupatty where I shall be sufficiently near to succour Yeracottah but two marches off from Pylney, as my tents and spare ammunition, require to be carried with me for future use, and not to be thrown away.

I left Caudeer skulking about near,
Colambum,

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Columbum, but your peons have certainly nothing to fear against the open attack of his— He may indeed disperse his people, and set fire to every Village in that quarter, without the incendiaries been seen even—

From what I have seen of the country and been told of Verropatchie's treachery, the preserving of the district from plunderers by any efforts of a small Detacht is an event rather to be desired than expected.

The country in this region is excessively parched, and the weather very hot.

Camp near Molluppatty
19th March 1799—
T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

I am &c—
(Signed) A. Lindsay

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of the District of
Dindigul

Sir, Permit me to request an advance of 5700— Star Pagodas for the use of my Disbursements for April 1799—

Madura
19th March 1799

I have &c—
Robt Hughes
Paymaster—

My dear Sir,

Disagreeable as this Bopeep sort of business is we must I fear play at a few days longer— The Tahseldar of Pylney has written so strongly to me that if my letter of last night should not have reached you, with information of the breaking up of the party at Pullapatty, this I hope will induce you to return to

Pylney

Pylney as soon as possible and afford such assistance for quiet as you may think necessary. The Colleries have carried off above 200 head of Cattle from Battel-goontah & near it

Major Lindsay
        Yours very truly
        (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
        20th March 1797. 2 PM

Dear Hurdis

When I received your note of the 16th where you desire me to give the hircarrahs 2 Rupees each and dispatch them I concluded you had received the Packet as by my calculation & the efforts I made to hurry them on. You ought to have had them about nine or ten in the morning. I accordingly dispatched them both with a line from myself to the Major, on the receipt of your's of the 17th had the man not been off. I should certainly have given the ten Rupees as you desired, but I do not myself think he deserved it as he was in no danger and had no trouble for he was escorted by ten peons belonging to a Polygar who is tributary to, I believe both us & Tippoo, they brought him to the ford near Cumblum the 15th at night & he ought to have been in at Pylney the next morning but did not come until eight at night.

Regarding the man that brought Major Ramsey's note to me there was a Bramin & another man they were stoped on the road by Tippoo's people near Coimbatore, and they took the note and 10 Rupees in fanams from the Bramin, that at the time some of the Gounders in Tippoos Villages came up & told the people who stoped them that they had better let him go

go, and to give him the Quill or if we came that way and caught them we would hang them up, upon which the people who stoped them gave the note to the other man who was with the Bramin & desired him to take it and to bring back ten Rupees more and they would release the Bramin whom they carried to Coimbatore, this business if true, must have been the cause of some delay, notwithstanding it came very quick I gave the man 10 Rupees to get the Bramin enlarge, besides some thing for himself and the Major gave them 13 fanams. I should have given the fellow 20 Rupees but the Bramin, is I know a great Scoundrel which in some measure makes me doubt the Story. I wrote it to Major Ramney who most probably will find out the truth.

You must know that this said Bramin he brought a letter before & got one of Tippoo's Village people to conduct him through the country & brought him on to Pylney, & I gave the Village man a present of 2 or 3 Rupees, he took the fellow, to the Bazar and took it from him & only wanted to give him 2 or 3 fanams, it came to my knowledge and the Bramin got frightned and gave it back & another circumstance is very singular that he should have ten Rupees by him for not a man that ever came ever brought a Cash before, and I have always been obliged to advance them a few Rupees to maintain themselves until I sent them away.

We are at this place which the Major

thinks

thinks a very centrical situation Louckia Naigue is said to be at Daraporum but there are so many reports that is difficult to believe any for every man has some secret view in what he says for my own part I believe Tippoo's people are well inclined to be quiet if we do not disturb them, and am of opinion myself if the Detachmt. was divided into three parts each part would be fully sufficient for the most alarming report I have yet heard of, the reports say that Viroopatchee has sent his peons again, but they do not agree in numbers, I am rather disposed to think that Viroopatchee has sent his peons back to their respective Villages, a Bramin son of the man that was taken to Daraporum was here this morning and says he was at Daraporum, and saw Louckia Naig and that he had only 20 peons with him. I am inclined to believe this to be true, at the same time he may probably say so to induce the Major to go there in the hopes of getting his father enlarged, for not a rascal of them speak without some design or other, I am dear Hurdis

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. T. Simons

Matapully
20th. March 1799.

My dear Sir,

I am favoured with your's via Yer, and by the Tappal.

The intelligence I received here from various quarters induced me to halt.

Louckia Naigue, with 20 followers, was last night at Daraporum, where he met with no encouragement. I suspect he is gone westward to join his associates

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seated & frighten the worshippers.

If nothing prevents I intend moving to-morrow morning at 2 for the vicinity for Pylney and shall every thing in my power to keep all quiet.

Not a man of the many who have come to me knew of Veerapatchee's peons having returned. They had seen them at different places and times, and as your Yerracottah Tahseldar asserts, said they had joined and were with the self titled Nabob, and his ragamuffins.

Yours very truly
(Signed) A Lindsay
Camp near Mottoopatty
20th March 1799 at 4 P.m.

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.

My dear Sir,

At Pullapatty are about 1200 men and 40 horse, who are watching to be upon Moonbarra & Yerracottah, of these, three hundred are from Veerapatchee. Three hundred belong to Lucheen Naigue, and three hundred to Vella Gour, the others are people picked up from the different Villages.

These have been prepared to attack these three days, but some thing to prevent them has happened until now, the people are under great alarm, which I hope a movement of your's will quiet.

Yours ever
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
21st March 1799 5½ P.m

To Major Lindsay
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My dear Sir,

I arrived here this morning, and will probably remain here or hereabouts till the festival be over.

If the banditti find no assistance from

from Tippoo's people, and Verapatchees peons, they must soon relapse into their former insignificant state, and the former system of having all guards detached to protect the Villages against their mischievous designs, be reverted to.

I conjecture that Luckia Naigue is, like the others, repairing to the hills, a fit receptacle for him, and such animals as live by prey.

I begin to suspect, from a letter received two days ago from Mr Hughes, that there will be some trouble about the field allowances of this Detacht. However as his letter is not clear to my understanding, I have requested him to be more explicit.

The Bramin, who was robbed and confined is now here, having recovered both his liberty and cash. This redressive act of Tippoo's people bodes well. Our weather is intolerably hot.

Yours truly
To T. B. Hurdis Esqr (Signed) A. Lindsay
&c &c &c Camp near Palney
21st March 1799

From Gopaul Kistna Amuldar of Madura to Mr Hurdis
21st March 1799.

The Sunnud you have now been pleased to send me I have received and understand its contents. You therein write that Calliana Tever of Ariapatty is gone to the Northward into Tippoo's Country to speak to the man there, and that he will return to the Nauts by the way of Vekaramungalum Canavay, where there are a number of Collieries assembled, in consequence of this

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you desire me to keep proper bundobust. What you have written is very proper Respecting this business and the news of this place. I wrote you a letter yesterday — which I earnestly hope you will be pleased to read well and understand. The Colleries are now quite lost and unmanageable And moreover there is no as-sistance here, or any ammunition. Therefore if I go into the Nauts what bundobust can I make? I have one thing to say that as the Colleries will come to the Pungoony feast day. I may then by some means be able to seize Callianitaven and Pely Taven. I shall therefore in consequence of your other sunnud to me be out of the way till the feast day. and shall proceed tomorrow to Sholavundan. But I must en-treat your favor that you will be pleased to order to be sent to me, a hundred Sepoys & 200 Carnatic peons. with whom I will go into the Nauts and do all in my power to subdue the Colleries and seize Cullia-nitaven and Pely Taven.

If you are angry with us in this bu-siness what can I do? At any time when you send me orders I will act accordingly. Whatever business you may want me to perform for you, you must show me favor.

Madura.
Pangoony 11th year Caulayookty.

Sir,

If you please to send in for me at Dindigul, I have

have some thing to inform you -

The Survey is going on well.

To T. B. Murdie Esqr (Signed) I have &c
&c &c &c Jas Allan

Battagoontah 22d March 1799

My dear Sir,

Your favor of yesterday came to hand this morning at 10 min - after 7, when your two letters were immediately delivered to the hircarrahs, who chanced to be present at the receipt of the Tapal.

The horse & foot are not wanted here, but it would have a good effect, in quieting all alarms of the inhabitants of that quarter, were Col. B. to detach a party of horse to the neighbourhood of Ageria-cottah or Mambira, where they would be at hand to rejoin when wanted. Had Col. B. written me on the Subject - I should advise this measure to be instantly taken.

The Detachment is solely useful against an enemy that thinks itself sufficiently strong to encounter it - any other would always keep at a distance, and would, by dispersion or celerity of its movements and knowledge of the country, elude every attempt to come up with him - The banditti that hover about, continually changing their lurking places, would be much better guarded against - " - by parties judiciously posted, to cooperate with & give confidence to your peons, than by a Detacht. whose every moment is watched, and its presence avoided -

Where the Coolies to enter, the Detacht. could do nothing against such a desultory enemy, than protect what is within its centries.

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Had not Col. B. formed the Detachment by his express written Order, and, I therefore think myself not at liberty, unless in extreme necessity, to vary from his order so given, I should send 100 firelocks to Yeriacottah, and station the rest here, confident that, under present circumstances, the Country would be better protected, and a considerable expence avoided, than by the present arrangement.

I return the news paper, and thank you for its perusal.

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr (signed) I am yours A. Lindsay
Camp near Pylney 22d March 1799.

My dear Sir,

I have now received confirmation of the news I sent you yesterday of the force, if so it may be called at Pullaputty, viz. 1200 Miscreants and 40 horse of which 300 are from Veroopatchee, 300 with Luckee Naigue, 300 with Vella Gour and the others picked from different Villages.

This has come by three different hircarrahs exclusive of the Tahsildars information.

I hope therefore this may meet you moving towards Yeriacottah to give that protection the country just now so much needs.

To Major Lindsay (signed) Very truly yours. J. B. Hurdis
&c &c &c 22d March 1799 2 P.M.

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My dear Sir,

I hope the moment you receive this you will not loose a moment in marching for Yeriacottah as the information from Govind Row is more alarming than the hircarrahs, and Captn Trotter

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has officially informed me that he can render me no service from hence.

The Cadawoor Poligar has joined the banditti, if you have my letter of the 21st at 5½ P.M. I trust this will meet you towards Yeriacottah.

I wrote you at 2 O'Clock P.M. this day which gave you no new information but the Cadawoor Poligar's junction I knew not only until now the force is increased about 300 peons.

Yours very truly,
To Major Lindsay &c &c &c. Signed T. B. Hardis.
22d March 1799 4½ P.M.

My dear Sir,

I have just got your favor of the 22d any disposition of the troops that may better the preservation of the Country. As commandant of the district you are doubtless at liberty to make if you think not. No time ought to be lost in making a reference and suggesting what you think best.

At any rate I hope you are moving towards Yeriacottah, for the alarm is there very great. I am persuaded all we have to fear is within, and that the treacherous genius of Veroopatchee is intend to give us as much trouble as possible.

So soon as I know you are moving to Yeriacottah I shall move to Vadasundoor with a Subadar's party and the trained peons, I will thence come on to Yeriacottah where we can confer on what should be done if you see no objection I would wish a guard under a steady officer might be left at Pylney.

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The Detach^t. moving certainly keeps a check on the Poligars - a day or two more harassing will probably end the business, and if we preserve the districts until Col. B. moves on, there will be nothing to fear.

The Equ. will not come until B. joins, so that there will be plenty of time for you to write the Colonel what you please on the Subject.

The watching the movements of the Detachment is in favor of prevention of plunder and its not necessary we should come to blows if the enemy in avoiding us plunder not were the Looties to enter in a desultory manner. Small Detachments might beat them up but if entering in a body, the Detachment should go out, if they avoided the Detachment and plunder not, which it is not likely they would do when pursued the end of the Detachment, being in the field is answered.

I am afraid you have not got my letter of 21st. at 5 P.m. I have these last two days written in duplicate.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis

To Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

Dindigul 23^d. March, 1797 1 P.m.

My dear Sir,

I was favoured with both your letters dated ½ past 5 P.M. of the 21st. at last night, and am thus far on my march to the Eastw^d.

One hundred firelocks at Yeriaootah should have removed all apprehension for its safety.

That the banditti have not begun to burn and destroy must proceed from a want of power or of inclination, for, from a want of opportunity it can

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have proceeded

Yours truly
(Signed) A Lindsay

To T B Hurdis Esqr.
&c &c &c

Camp near Naggapatty
23d March 1799

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

Your proposed Settlement for the present Fusly having been submitted to Government, I am directed to transmit to you for your information and guidance Extract of the Boards letter accompanying it, and of the Right Honble the Governor Generals Reply.

Fort St George
23d March 1799

I am &ca
(Signed) J. B. Travers.
Secretary

Extract of a Letter to Government dated 4th March 1799

We have the honor of submitting an address from Mr Hurdis dated the 19th ultimo, accompanying his proposed Jammabundy for the present Fusly, which we recommend to your Lordships Sanction. Your Lordship will observe an increase on the last Settlement, but that the Collector apprehends a failure in collecting the Revenue, owing to the unusual drought that has prevailed during the last 18 Months. It generally happens that a partial or slight failure in the crops increases the price of grain in a proportion, that occasions little loss to the Ryots, though a general & great deficiency must be particularly detrimental to them, in case the latter occurs in a Country let out in small portions to the Inhabitants for a short period, it seems just and politic that a reasonable remission should be granted, and as soon as Mr Hurdis has ascertained the actual produce & reported on the Subject, it will enable your Lordship

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to judge whether any indulgence should be granted the Inhabitants of the different Districts under his charge. We think it would be advisable, agreeable to Mr Hurdis's request that discretionary power be given him to purchase all the grain he may be able to obtain, and to retail it at the lowest possible rate to the poor people, securing the Circar its disbursement, but we are decidedly of opinion, that he should not restrict the price, or interfere with private Traders in this article, unless most indispensably necessary, and then not without the sanction of his Superiors, only taking care to prevent forestalling and monopoly.

Extract of a letter from Government dated 16th March 1799.

We confirm the Jummabundy which you have recommended for the Province of Dindigul, and shall pay every attention to the future report of the Collector upon the remission, which the present drought may render advisable to grant, mean while we desire that Mr Hurdis may be instructed to use his discretion in endeavouring to relieve the inhabitants by the purchase of Grain on the public account, for the purpose of retail sale to the people, but if the scarcity should be so great, as to require the active interference of the Circar, it will be expedient that he should endeavour to lower the price of grain by disposing of that, which he may have on hand, or may hereafter purchase at prices lower, than may amount to a full reimbursement to the Company.

True Extracts.

(Signed) W. E. Wright
Acting Dy Secy

My dear Sir,

Your several letters of the 22^{d} reeached me this morning between 12 and 1.

I believe that Gowind Row's Deputy is alarmed beyond reason, but I am now so near him that his fears must abate.

If you have any tapal established between D and Yeriacottah, letters for me will sooner come to hand by this conveyance, than by the circuitous one of Pylney, till I may be induced by fresh alarms in that quarter to move thither

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire &c &c &c (Signed) I am &c A Lindsay
Camp near Naudyputty
24th March 1799. 9 A.M.

My dear Sir,

When I arrived this morning at Vaudaputty all was as quiet as if there were no enemy within 100 miles of it, and the inhabitants seemed equally ignorant of what had passed so near them, as of what took place at same at Dindigul. It was noon before I learned any thing certain. I moved on at 1/2 past 2 and came here a little before 5. As more than 15 miles of my route lay thro' Veroopatchee's country, his people would not fail to apprize him of my march.

Of your Peons, who behaved remarkably well, one was killed, and one is wounded. Captain Simons, who has seen him, says the wound is not dangerous.

The occurrences and news of every day confirm me the more in my opinion of the propriety

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under present circumstances of employing this Detacht in the manner I mentioned in my letter to you of the 21st. and I shall this evening State my opinion to Col. B., whose answer, I wish, may reach me soon.

The people here are safe, and of the banditti no accounts are since received.

I am &c.
(Signed) A. Lindsay
To J. B. Hurdis Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.
Camp near Yercalottah
24th March 1799.

Translation of a Declaration given by Paer Naig — Cathay Naig and Cutan Gounden of the Ramgherry District — 24th March 1799 being an account of people seized by Paupier Naig of Ramgherry.

He has taken Pettan Sherogar Gopea Naig, Ramsawmy Gounden, and his son Rungiah Gounden Shunmorgeem Moodely — 8 people of Paernaigenputty of the Cumbalattar Cast. Andi and Viraven of the Ooliatar Cast and Yedda Gounden of Puleyenputty All these people he put in chains and confined in prison, and took possession of all their riches Cows, Calves and grain. Of the people in the prison he gave to Pettan Sherogar one measure of Salt and one of Cumbum, mixed together for his victuals, and desired him to eat it, which if he refused, he was flogged with a wip. Not being able to bear the flogging he eat the victuals, which brought on a Cholick and he died. His body was taken away and burnt. Viraven, Andy, and Yeda Gounden were taken away to a village to the Eastward and killed — Gopea Naig and Ramsawmy Gounden, have been given Salt and Cumbum for their victuals in the same way as Pettan Sherogar was, and they are flogged if they will

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not eat. These people cannot live under this affliction. Where the Eight people of Parnaiguen pitty are we know not. All their infant children he has sent away with a man to get a living, where they can, saying they must not remain in their Village. All this Paupiea Naig of Ramghery has been wickedly doing.

The Circar must be pleased to give orders for an enquiry into this business to be made.

My dear Sir,

Your letter yesterday has relieved me from much anxiety. I wait till I hear where you are to make a dash to you.

I send you bread &c which in your march I fear you have wanted.

To Major Lindsay &c &c &c
Very truly yours
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
25th March 1799. 10 A. M.

Camp near Yeriacottah 25th. No opportunity offering to send off my letter, I have the pleasure to inform that your 4 letters (rolls) were all delivered me together at Reville beating. The 2 men sent over Waggary are this moment come in. The letters from Pyfney, with the bread, is also received. If you think my letter of sufficient importance, an express tapal might expedite matters.

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr &c &c &c
Yours
(signed) A. Lindsay
At 15 after 7 A. M.
25th March 1799.

To the Poligar of Cadamoor.

It has been represented to me that you

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you have for some time past maintained a correspond-
ence with Louckia Nayk the proscribed Poligar of —
Casnaravaddy, when the intelligence of this affair first
reached me, I gave no credit to it, for I do not believe
it possible that you could be guilty of such wickedness
and Folly.

Already your conduct has been very
unfavorably represented to the Board of Revenue and
if I should tell them that the traitorous designs —
which have now been imputed to you have a just —
foundation your destruction would be inevitable.

It will be good for you to consider
what benefits you now enjoy under the Company's pro-
tection. Your tribute is trifling compared to your
resources, nothing more than that, has ever been —
demanded from you, there is no vexatious interference in
your Pollum, and in short your condition is the envy of the
neighbouring Poligars. Let not their intrigues and bad ad-
vice rob you of all these benefits, but tell them that you
have experienced the justice and protection of the Company,
and that you will always be a friend to their friends &
an enemy to their enemies. It is my sincere desire
that you may act according to this advice and as a token
of your intention to do so, I have to desire that you will —
send your Second Kist to my Cutchery without a —
moments delay

(True Copy) (Signed) A. Graeme
2d Asst

Ramnad
25th March 1799

My dear Sir, I have your favor of the 24th & 25th both
in one —

in one — Vaudeaputty I believe belongs to Veroopatchee, it was not likely any of the Ryots would know what was going on at Yereacottah their knowledge would impeach their master.

I certainly object to the division of the Detacht. into seperate Guards until the Southern Detacht. moves, when I think the advancing posts into Tippoos Country may be of much use.

I could wish for full communication with you on the Subject as my opinion might differ on some points with yours, and I think it best to discuss matters previous to arrangement than to have them to undo, after being in part settled.

The placing any number of Sepoys in Yereacottah without an European Officer would have in my opinion no more effect than so many peons being there, in case of attack they would keep up (as the Subidar at Nallacottah did what he called) a terrible fire — and by wasting their powder — be obliged probably to give the place up for want of the means of defending it.

I am not satisfied with what the peons did as they have thrown away a great quantity of ammunition without doing any proportionate execution.

There is no likelyhood of any quiet for your people. People until Col. Brown's detachment moves. that going forward will make us easier here.

Not a word of news.

To Major Lindsay (signed) Very truly yours,
&c. &c. &c. J. B. Hurdis.
26th March 1799.

P.S. As I understand the party is not dispersed I think it would be proper to give the miscreants an alert

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alert and make them scamper.

Signed T. B. Hurdis

My dear Sir,

Your favor of yesterday written at 10 A.M. was received at sun set, and I hope that my letter of same day would reach you about 2 or 3 P.M. It was accompanied with a letter to Col. Brown expressive of my sentiments relative to the best mode of protecting the country, and quieting the minds of the Inhabitants.

That the miscreants have hitherto abstained from plundering and burning is a mystery to me.

The inhabitants of this quarter all returned to their houses, but if left without Sepoys a second time, they will not, the Tahsildar thinks, stay.

Nothing certain has yet reached about Louckia Naique.

It is some what strange that no accounts are lately received from the Grand Army, which, by time, should be at Seringapatam. Lieut. Montgomery, with his 2 troops, would not be ready to march with our Trich. Det. if it moves as to day, but is to follow.

I am &c.
(signed) A. Lindsay.

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.

Camp near Yerracottah,
26th March 1799 ½ past 6 A.M.

My dear Sir,

The quill covering a roll for Col. Brown was this instant received, and I hasten to forward it to you.

The hircarrah who brought it to Pylney remains there for your instructions. It was sent me by two the Tahsildar's peons.

Nothing new here.

I am &c.
Signed A. Lindsay

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.

Camp near Yerracottah
26th March 1799 at ½ past 3 P.M.

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To T. B. Hurdis Esquire

Collector at Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d Instant, and its Enclosure, and transmit for your information Copies of the Takeeds, which I have in consequence addressed to the Sera Naigue of Ramghery, and the Poligar of Cadamoor.

The reports of my Akbar Navez at Manapara have for some days past, represented the Poligars to be in a restless and quiet state, but this I attributed to the commencement of Hostilities and the unusual activity of Luckia Naigue's endeavours to stir them up to rebellion, rather than to any inclination on their part of espousing the Sultan's cause. The early march of the Southern Detachment, I expected, would overawe any spirit of disaffection, which might have been excited, and this confidence I have not yet abandoned.

It is so manifestly contrary to the interest of the whole of the Manapara Poligars to oppose themselves to the Company's Government that I can with difficulty persuade myself they will join in any confederacy against it, unless compelled by a superior force, and that, it does not appear from the latest intelligence I have received, there is no reason to apprehend.

I beg, however, that you will be pleased to inform me upon what grounds you have been satisfied that the Peons of Cadamoor actually joined the force under Ghazi Cawn.

You will observe, that in my letter to the Sera Naigue of Ramghery and the Poligar of Cadamoor,

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I have forborne to charge them in direct terms with any hostile communication with the Enemy, this I have done that they may imagin there is yet an opening for them to recede, with impunity, from any improper connection they may have made & thus prevent the supposition of their guilt having been fully detected from driving them into open rebellion.

I request that you will favor me frequently with your communications on this subject & I have given orders to my Akbar Navez at Marapara to send to you a copy of all the reports he transmits to me regarding it.

Ramnad
26th March 1797

I have &ca
(signed) S. Lushington.

To the Sera Naigue of Ramgherry.

It has been represented to me that you have for some time past maintained a correspondence with Luckia Naigue the proscribed Poligar of Comaravaddy and that you have now stationed a Vakeel with him to keep up this communication. When the intelligence of this affair first reached me, I gave no credit to it, for I did not believe it possible that you could be guilty of such wickedness and Folly.

To you, more than to any other Poligar, the indulgence of the Company has been manifested; they confirmed the claim of your son to the Pollum of Ramgherry, in opposition to another pretender, & so long as he and you may act with fidelity their justice & power will continue him in possession of it. But, if you should in reality have ever harboured the designs which

which have been imputed to you it will be fortunate for you if this letter recalls you to your senses, before your Folly has completed the Ruin of yourself, & of your Family.

Consider what benefits you enjoy under the Company's protection, your tribute is trifling, compared with your resources, nothing beyond that has ever been demanded from you, there is no interference in your Pollum, and you know from experience that when you stand in need of their justice, it will be always extended to you.

If you are blind to these advantages, and there is one honest man amongst your advisers let him point them out to you.

If he a grain of understanding he will tell you that all these benefits will be lost if you entertain a thought of holding any communication with Luckea Naigue or any other, the enemies of the Company. Of their power to punish one or many rebellious Poligars, you cannot be ignorant and it is my sincere desire that it may never be your misfortune to hand their arms turned against you.

Ramnad
26th March 1799

(True Copy) (Signed) H Graeme
2d Asst

(True Copy)

To Mr T. B. Hurdis,

Collector at Dindigul.

Sir By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of bills for the month of January and February properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the bills transmitted

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in the course of those months with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

Fort St George
26th March 1799

I am &c
(Signed) W. E. Wright
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Register of Bill for the month of January 1799

1799 January	2d	1 Bill by Mr Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General - - -	8000	Transferred 25th February 1799
		S. Pagodas	8000	..

Dindigul 1st February 1799
Errors Excepted
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Register of Bill for the Month of February 1799

1799 February	2	1 Bill by Mr Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General - - - - - -	10,000	Transferred 27th February 1799
	9th	1 Ditto, by Ditto on the Ditto - - - -	2000	.. received
	20th	1 Ditto by Ditto on the Ditto - - - -	5000	.. received
		S Pags - - - -	17000	..

Dindigul 1st March 1799
Errors Excepted
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

My dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday is just received — Vandaputty is under your collection & does not belong — to

to Virupatchee

Nothing certain is known of the late confederated banditti than that their bands have seperated and gone off. Luckia Naigue is continually changing his lurking place, and will never approach, or suffer himself to be approached by this Detachment which is uselessly employed against so despicable a fugitive.

You do not inform me if my letter to Col Brown was received. If not sent off, I beg you will oblige me by sending to Captn Trotter.

When I mentioned the stationing of Sepoys in Yeriacottah, I thought the inference obvious that your peons now there could be withdrawn and stationed elsewhere.

I would not wish to depreciate any class of men, but your opinion that Sepoys posted in Yeriacottah, with only Native officers, would have no more effect than your Peons, is a doctrine to which I cannot subscribe.

The inhabitants in this quarter are so frightned that the greater part of them, I believe and have been so told by them, themselves will remove if left without Sepoys to guard them. The rumours that circulate among them, originating from fancy or fear, are numerous & discontent.

Yesterday a letter was received here for Col B. which I immediately dispatched to you. The hircarrah who brought it to Pylney waits there for an answer.

We have both the same object in view, but, it would now seem, differ in our opinion regarding

regarding the best means for its attainment 54 105

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr. (Signed) A. Lindsay Jam.r &c
&c &c &c Camp near Yeriacottah
27 March 1799

My dear Sir,

I have received your letter of this date. Col Browns letter was sent the moment it was received to the Tapal

Your opinion in military matters is much beyond any thing. I can give no opinion further than I have seen thence I argue. whether you submit or not. I still hold that it would be highly improper to leave any part of your Detachment in Yeriacottah with native officers only. I shall not be sorry if many of the inhabitants leave Yeriacottah. I mean of those who favored the views of the Banditti.

The letter for Col Brown was received yesterday & went by the Tappal to day. I enclose you a quill which I'll thank you to return by the Peon.

I have just got information by way of Ramgherry that Tippoo's Sirdar the Nabob. as he is called is gone to Columbum on the Pylney frontier and that thence in conjunction with Nagumnaigue a Poligar influenced by Verupatchee & the Mangalum Poligar Son-in-law of Verupatchee together with the Rabble already at Colingawaddy intend to attack Pylney and the western Villages whilst Verupatchee is to do the same on the Villages near his own frontier. all this is probable and should the Tahsildar give you intimation of it. I have to beg your best Services for

for belief.

Luckia Naigue and the Nabob have quarrelled in consequence of the failure of this attack on Yeriacottah. The Naigue is gone to Kingyem.

To Major Lindsay - &c &c &c

(Signed) Very truly yours, T. B. Hurdis.
27th March 1799. 11 P.M.

P.S. Vaudeputty is an hamlet of Kheernoor of Verupatchee. About 10 miles from Yeriacottah, there is a Village named Javaudeputty belonging to Yeriacottah about 7½ miles from it.

(Signed) T. B. H.

My dear Sir

I am glad to learn that the quill, covering a letter for Col. Brown, has been safely received.

I have strong reasons to suspect that your informants, like most asiatics, deal largely in the hyperbole, and that, in their report of numbers on late occasions, a cipher might be taken from the right of each reported number to bring it near the truth.

Your kind information of an alert must have been given by a very intelligent hircarrah, who deserves a reward, whether he be Hindoo or Mohammedan. The hircarrahs, who conceived that Luckia Naigue, a fugitive in the jungle with a few followers, might be successfully followed and overtaken by this Detachment are also men of good intentions and no inconsiderable military ardour.

To - T. B. Hurdis Esqr. &c &c &c

(Signed) I am &c. A. Lindsay.
Camp near Yeriacottah,
28th March 1799. ½ past 9 A.M.

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PS A letter from Tr says "it is understood here that Doveton commands at Ossore".

(Signed) A. Lindsay.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday dated 11 P.M., with the one for Major Romney, is just received ½ past 10 A.M.

The Major's letter I am this instant to send off to your Tahsildar at Pylney, to be by him delivered to the hircarrah who came from Paulghatcherry, whilst I write this they are going away.

"I shall do every thing in my power to preserve the peace, tho' I think myself at present confined, by Col B's orders, to a line of conduct not the best suited to prevent emergencies & means. As I have stated the matter fully him in my letter of the 24th I hope his answer will be received to day, or tomorrow, and that it will enable me to pursue the measures I may deem most expedient.

Vandaputty, where I halted, is well laid down, and spelt, in the sketch with which you obliged me. It is under Oyeriacottah, and distant from it, five (5) malabar miles. Coottoopee is near it. The Village is considerable compared with the Villages of the district.

I have not received any information of an apprehended attack from your Pylney Tahsildar. About 100 or 120, multiplied in the usual manner into 4 or 5 hundred, of banditti, were in and near Columbum

Columbum, when I was at Tallyort

The son in law of Verupatchee is said to have been very averse from his father in law's measures, and to have strongly dissuaded him from them.

All Tippoo's Ryots are ready to take Cowl, and I trust the issue of the war will give them the masters they wish for.

To T. B. Hurdes Esqr. &c &c &c

(Signed) A. Lindsay.
I am &c.
Camp near Yeriacottah.
28th March 1799.

My dear Sir,

I have just learned from Mr Scott that there came a letter by yesterday's Tappal from Col Brown for you Captain Trotter having charge, will I apprehend either send it here to be forwarded or forward it himself.

The Detachment being in the field prevented Luckia Naigue's second attack on Yeriacottah – thence its end was answered and thence it was not uselessly employed. I shall certainly object to a Division of it until the Southern Detachment and Col Brown moves from a firm conviction that either party would be too small a number to afford confidence to the Ryots or protection to the country. the chief object of Luckia Naigue and the Sultan's party is to reinstate the dispossessed Poligar – the Ryots of the assumed Pollums under fear for their property side with them. and thence presume it. destroying villages or plundering would at present be the

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worst conduct the adherents of L. N could persue in as much as it would cause those Ryots who are now apparently, perhaps in reality siding with him to quit, or act against his party.

I shall very soon be with you

Yours &c

To Major Lindsay (Signed) J. B. Hurdis.

" " " 28th March, 1799

From Opa Naig Nautamecar of Madapaudy and Tookay counden Nautamecar of Mootynaigenputty. 28th March 1799.

The following event happened in our Villages last night.

Caudar and Candasawmy with twenty or thirty people came to Pakalanelloor of Madapaudy, plundered & took away every thing, stabbed 7 or 8 then and cut the ears of two women. They then came to Caumarapauleam of Mootynaigenputty plundered and carried away every thing from thence, stabbed 4 or 5 people of the Village, also Shatharpathy Iyen and his brotherinlaw, and 7 or 8 women and tore their ears. They took away one horse and four bullocks. From Camarapauliam they seized and took away one Nellachetty and went with him into a wood to the westwd where they said to him "you will go now to the Madapaudy Naig, and Asbadure gounden "of Moottinaigenputty and tell them, that if they will collect "money for our expences and ten or twenty peon from the Villages "and come with them tomorrow morning at Sun rise to "Caluntum it will be very well, otherwise that we will come "tomorrow night (having collected more people) and will "make all their head dance. Having spoken thus they went

went away. Of the people that were stabbed some cannot live but some will.

The people who came went over the River into Tippoo's country. The marks of the blood spill, I send you to see.

My dear Sir,

Your favor of yesterday reached me last night.

I have received a letter from Col. Brown, but have not yet got his answer to mine. Today I expect to receive his commands on the subject refered to his decision. He informs me that the Detach.t was to march as this day. You have heard the issue of the business about the auxiliary horse & foot, and I need not therefore mention it.

I have received a letter from your Pylney Tahsildar, informing me that the banditti were beginning to assemble near Darapiram and other places not distant. I shall therefore probably move westward to be near enough to afford him assistance if wanted.

It is the weak state of stations that tempts the banditti to attack them. Had there been 50 Sepoys at Yereacottah, no attemp on it would have been made.

The person titled the Banghee Nabob is moving about thro' the Villages in Tippoo's Country not far from the frontier. His range will soon be lessened by the approach of the Trichy Detach.t to Caroor.

If not called away by advices from Pylney, this quarter may be protected till the vicinity of the Trichy Detach.t remove every apprehension.

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to Pylney left it there, & we now have to depend on the precarious supply which the halting place chances to afford.

I am &c
(Signed) A. Lindsay
Camp near Moukumpatty
27th March 1799.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire
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To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr
Collector of Dindigul.

Sir,

Your letter of the 26th is just come to hand and have now to request the further supply from you of Six Thousand five hundred Pagodas for my disbursements in the ensuing Month.

I have &c
Robt Hughes.
Paymaster.

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29th March 1799.

Robert Hughes Esqr
Paymaster & &

Sir,

Your favor 29th I have just received. I can only supply you with four thousand Pagodas more than your former Indent. making in to do 9700 nine thousand seven hundred.

I have &c
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Camp
Jewandeepatty
30th March 1799.

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

The Governor General in Council having impowered and directed the Resident at Tanjour to provide a considerable number of draft and carriage Cattle for the eventual Service of the Army, desires that you will give every degree of facility to this object by affording Mr Torin all

all the assistance and information in your power

As the whole Superintendance of this equip-ment has been entirely entrusted to Mr Torin he has been authorized to make such applications to you as may be necessary to the accomplishment of the object, and I am directed to desire that the most cordial and zealous attention may be paid to such communications as you may in consequence receive from that Gentleman.

I am &c

Fort St George
31st March 1799

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

Major Lendsay
. H. W. Camp

Sir

Since my return hither I have received further intimation of the indended attack on Pylney which I understand is to be made in two Devision one from Columbum and the other from Darapoor

As the assembly at Coorlamardoor and pullapatty appears to be broke up should any bandetti come from that quarter the peons at Yeriacotta and Mambara will probably be Sufficent to give them abeating

I have therefore to beg the favor of you to afford every possible assistance to Pylney for altho the North & N.E. Pollum are of more consequence to be secured than Pylney if both parts of the frontier cannot be protested yet the apprehension of another attack on Yeriacotta being assured by the dispersion of the Peon near it. The safety of Pylney can be attended to. I have therefore to beg the favour of you to act in such manner as may seem to you best to secure it as expeditiously as possible

I have &c

31st March 1799

signed T. B. Hurdis

From Ptauperasnuh Masladar of Matura to Mr Hurdis.

The Sunnud it has now pleased you to send me I have read and understand its contents.

You therein inform me that in the Culler Nauts there are collecting a great number of Colleries and other wicked people in different places, who are consulting together, and you request me to sent some of my people to enquire, or to learn thro' my monigar what plans of mischief they are meditating, and having acquired every intelligence from the Nauts, to order them not to commit any mischief in your district and you request me to be very vigilant in this business. This is all very proper but the Naut Cullers will not act in obedience to the Circar, they are wholly unmanageable. From the time Curupapilly who was Amildar at Aneyore, and several other people were murdered by them, they have never been brought into proper order The greatest part of the Circar money they have retained and they have been guided by very bad advice.

Some Sibbendies were raised and sent from hence to chastise them, but the firelocks, power and shot, they have with them are not proper.

If you will either give orders respecting the Pollums adjoining the Nauts, according as you mentioned to my brother Gopaul Ristna, or if you will order to be sent a Company of Sepoys and two hundred Carnatic Peons for our assistance, I will go from hence with them, and all the Sepoys that can be collected here, and remain at Aneyore and endeavour to correct these wicked people and prevent their committing any mischief in your district At present Monegar of that place is turned out of his employ, and there are Circar Guards only in Aneyore and Cutapumputty.

-cotta, and I have not been able to conduct in any one business in the business- But I have sent a man into the Nauts to enquire into and learn every thing going on there and to write me information which I shall communicate to you. I am endeavouring as much as in my power to prevent any mischief in your district.

I shall ever be vigilant and attentive to your command- (Madura, in the year Caulayuty, Pungoomy the 2d)

From the Verupatchee Poligar to Mr Hurdis-

After compliments, to the 9th of this Month Punguny I have continued very deligent in the company's concerns. The enayet nama you have now sent me I have read and understand its contents, and every advice therein written is proper. I likewise understand every thing Peer Cawn the Darogar of the Hoozoor has said to me. I have not listened to the words of Cawngy Cawn. As I have such confidence in the Circars conduct, what good can I expect to gain thro' him. Culliany Taven of Ariapully came to my Pollum to beg charity, on account of their being no culti-vation in his country. I gave him ten Rupees in consequence and sent him away. I did not send a man to his Village to call him to me, nor did I send him to visit any other person. Therefore I have not forgot myself. I did not send my man to Cawngy Cawn, nor did he come to me to tell me any news. In former day I suffered much distress by Syed Saib and Tippoo Sultan. I shall ever remember this. By the company's favor and protection I was again reinstated in my Pollum I shall not forget this. The benefit I have received by the favor of the company will never be forgotten by me

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or my posterity. Besides this General Meadows gave me my Pollams, and I was enabled in consequence of his charity and benevolence, to give alms to the poor and to burn light. The benefit I have received thro' his goodness can never be forgotten by me or my posterity. I can never trust in Tippoo Sultan or he trust in me. I shall ever consider the Company in the chief object of my conduct and moreover I shall never in the least interfere in behalf of Caungy Cawn or any other person. I have ever in my conduct been obedient to the Company's orders, and thereby hope to enjoy their favor and protection. I have no connection in Tippoo Sultan's Country or will I make any there. In the hope of the Company's protection I have to this time conducted myself in the way of truth. Should you desire me to give you an assurance that I will continue to act in the same way as before. I shall obey your orders and act accordingly. While the Company continue in their former prosperity, I shall hope to enjoy their favor. Tho' many vain aspersions may have been put upon me, I shall never act in enmity with the Company. Whenever the Company flourish, I am confident, every will be properly conducted.

I never can make friendship with any people who are in enmity with the Company. The news told you by some slanderous person, that Tomba Gour has been with me, having appeared to you true, whether he did or did not come to me you will be acquainted by making a strict inquiry into this business, likewise into all others, and you will then be convinced, whether I have at any time related truth or falsehood.

My dear Sir,

The occupying of the stations of Sylney by Sebbendy may be very temporary as Col. B writes me he will if necessary order 2 Tras Cos into the D. district.

The Sibb.ies will be safe, by the movements of the Detachment against the attack of large bodies, and against that of small they will be able to defend themselves. You know well the Policy of making the Field Detachment as respectable as possible at its outset, to give confidence & inspire with fear. The Nellacottah Lo. I find, stands fast and deprives me of expected force.

March 1799. (Signed) Your's truly A. Lindsay.

To Mr Thomas B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to desire you will comply with any demand which may be made upon you by Lieutenant Colonel Brown for pecuniary Supplies to the extent of your means, after you may have complied with the ordinary Indents of the Paymaster. (Circular)

Fort St George
1st April 1799. (Signed) I am &c. J. B. Travers. Secy.

To Mr T B Hurdis.
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir. The Board having called on their accountant (Circular) for a Statement of your collections from 1st May 98 to 31st January 1799 in order to see how far the Estimate has kept place with the actual receipts they observe your gross receipts as pr account current within that period Star Pags. 73625 & that to complete the full amount Estimated

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the further Sum of Star Pagodas 36,192 —— still remained to be realized from 1st February to 30th April 1799 inclusive.

The Board trusts you will exert yourself to realize the full amount within the prescribed period.

Fort St George
2d April 1799

I am &c
(Signed) J. B. Travers.
Secy

T. B. Hurdis Esquire
&c &c &c

Sir,

On the 1st Current the bearer brought me Duplicate of your letter of the 30th Ulto and the original by Tappal came to hand last Evening.

On arriving with the Detachment at Curtalum on the 21st Ultimo in personal Communication with Jamaul Maha Caun Bahauder and Golam Hussan Caun Bahauder. I endeavoured but in vain to persuade them to detach 100 of their Horse to join Major Lindsay. It appears from the Manner in which this party from the Nizam Army is composed of Sillidars having dependant upon them, Six, Eight & ten Horse men to whom they are under particular engagements that the Bahaders have it not in their power to carry in to effect any order for Detachment occasioning a Separation for above one or two days. This is particularly unfortunate as it deprives me of the only means to send you the immediate assistance you so anxiously require.

To have detached, on receipt of your letter as I otherwise would, such assistance from the force with me, would frustrate the Plan laid down to me by the instructions of the Commander in Chief.

By Dern ot of the 30th also you will have

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been informed that a Company of the Travancore auxilary is directed to move from Madura to Dindigul where I expect they will arrive in two or three days hence. From what I saw of the Company which had arrived at Trichinapoly they are very promising Troops and as this will enable Major Lindsay to draw immediately from the Garrison of Dindigul 100 Firelocks from his own Battn to reinforce your Sebendy at Pylney and Yeriacottah I trust that these Posts by the Checking influence also of this Detachment will not run any immediate Risk from the Banditti whose barbarity upon the frontier Villages could only be effectually prevented by a force moving to dispose them.

To given Major Lindsay the means of advancing nearly the whole of the desciplined part of his Battalion towards the frontier. Two Countries of Travancore Troops are directed to move from Palumcotta to Dindigul by Devn orders of this date.

Possession of Caroor, which will be summoned in the 5th and from the information I have probably will not make much resistance, most probably will operate in relief to the Dindigul District should it not have full effect a Detacht will be moved from Caroor to disperse the Banditti and insure the Tranquility of the District until the junction of the foregoing Reinforcement from Palumcotta may enable Major Lindsay to make an effectual Disposition for that end of the Force that will then be with him.

Should Caroor surrender to Summons of which I have some expectation you shall be immediately informed from you to Caroor can arrive in less than 18 hours with me duly how matters stand the Number of the Banditti, their situation and in case of necessity

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of a Detachᵗ from Caroor send me the route by which it may move in the way most likely to come upon them with advantage.

The Major complains of being without any Supply of Rice for his Detachment and without Bazar-men that he is forced to depend for subsistance on the precarious supply that may be met with at each halting place. As I believe in it as in your power to ameliorate that part of his situation, I am persuaded you will.

It was my intention that the letter I am about to write Major Lindsay by the bearer should have contained the whole of the foregoing, but Interruption from that Nizams and Tondeman's people (850, of whom joined me in the eving before last puts it out of my power and as it is probable you will still be with him. I request you may than this to him for send it to him in event of your being seperate.

The last accounts from the Army are to the 22ᵈ Ultᵒ. when they were at Kankanelly two marchs from the Capital.

I have &c.
Camp near Moottoo Mahadaporam (signed) A Brown Col. Comᵍ.
3ᵈ April 1799 the Divⁿ.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 30ᵗʰ Ultimo did not reach me till last night and I trust you do me the justice to think that your Amuldar has received every assistance which, in my opinion, could in any manner and to facilitate & promote the business of his department and the public service.

The inhabitants here seem more timed & cautious than any I have before met with. It is only a full days since they ventured (I allude to the Braminis

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& principal inhabitants) to sleep in their houses at night though the Detachᵗ was so near to them. Thus fears it must be confessed, and not quite groundless, as they know the sanguinary timber of their late master, & have seen Daraporum twice in our possession, and as often returned.

The Amuldar has been doing his best but the removing of grain to any distance in pass carried by men women and children is a very slow operation. Bandies and bullocks would answer much better, & if a 100 or 200 head of the carriage cattle provided at Dindigul for the public service with their driver, ladders and goneys complete, could be spared for a fort night, or so, they could be very usefully employed here, and in the Carawallim of Columbum.

On the 2ᵈ Inst a dispatch for the Govʳ Genˡ accompanied with a letter from Major Romney, from which the following is an extract. It is the certain request of the Commissioners for Malabʳ that the quill for Lord Mornington be forwarded with all possible dispatch. It communicates to his loss an account of Colˡ Littles Detachᵗ being inputed at Canamore. Major R's letter is dated 25ᵗʰ April.

I must regret that Major R. has told nothing more about the B.D. as we are all solicitous to learn its reception by the Mahrattas. Its coming to Cananore without mentioning the why & wherefor is perplexing to me at last who know so little of Malabʳ politicks.

You may have heard of a Detachᵗ of Travancore troops, which report at one time said had gone on and occupied the pettah of Coimbatore, as the Dist. is in still a worse state than this of Daraporum.

By Major R's harcarrah, & Murs. I have our assured that this Detachᵗ on hearing the news of Colˡ Browns from this immediately returned with in the Travancore lines. Major R's harcarrah assists that he himself gave the of Colˡ B's marching to the Portuguese

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Portuguese Commandant as he was on his return from Daraporam to Pylney

Major M's has a Guard of the Firelocks on the Rists of the Cy. territory on that side. the Dindigul Detachment is not yet equipt the reluctance shown by the natives to Serve is Surprising & unaccountable.

The weather has been distressingly hot & unpleasant & is worn. I think the hot land wind Season in the Circars.

Camp near Daraporam
4th April 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) A Lindsay

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

You will have received a letter from the Secretary to Government in which you will perceive how much occasion I have for your assistance in collecting a supply of Draught & carriage cattle for the Army. My instructions from Government also permit me to call upon you for advances of Cash towards this undertaking — The Collections of Tanjour have promised their funds to call Brown for the Southern Detachment. I beg to know if you are under similar Engagement or if I may reckon upon you in this respect & to what amount.

The efficiency of this supply will materially depend upon the expedition with which it is completed & to this Government annex the utmost importance

You will therefore excuse me if I urge you in the strongest terms to lose no time in calling on the Head Bullock People of your district and in requiring from them such a proportion of Bullocks as their means will afford.

I am obliged to reckon upon you for 1000 Draught or large Bullocks & 1000 carriage — & if the merchants cattle of the country do not amount to this number I must require of

you

you to draw from every Village as many as may be necessary to complete — & all these the largest & best cattle rejecting all that are old & much reduced in their condition — The Bullocks you are able to hire from the merchants will be the ground work on which we must provide owners & drivers for those you may obtain from the Villages — In addition to their own cattle these merchants will be able to receive from you a considerable proportion & to furnish drivers for them from their Families & adherents — but you will find it necessary to call on the Coobbies and Bezarmen of your principal Villages to appoint the rest — it is not to be expected that these People are to purchase the Village Bullocks for the Company's use, but it is necessary they should become the owners of them — you will therefore be pleased to make over the Bullock or Bullocks to them on receiving their Bond for the amount with the addition of one Pagoda more which as an Encouragement you will pay them in advance — for every draught — Bullock thus delivered they will receive the Monthly Hire from the Company & be liable to the same Stoppages as if the Bullock had been their own & they had received a larger Sum in advance to undertake the Service. The Coobbies of the Villages in preference to any other discreption of inhabitants are required to become the owners & to receive charge of the Bullocks because they are accustomed to it & as every Village has a proportionable number of these people who are also accustomed to deal in cotton Horsegram &c. &c. So they can without material loss or inconvenience to the Village spare half of their number for the Service of the Circar — In this way I was able to furnish 14,000 cattle for the armies last war — The unwillingness the Coobbies &c will at first show to undertake the army Service, is to be surmounted by associating them with the Bullock maistries & merchants accustomed to it and you will find that but little more is required

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secure their Services than to let them know the Circar insist upon it

You will be kind enough to attend as near as possible to the following rates for the Bullocks you may hire

2 Star Pagodas & 8 Fanams monthly for each draught

1½ Do ——— Do ——— Carriage

and an advance for each draught Bullock so engaged of 4 Star Pagodas and for every carriage Bullock 3 Star Pagodas a Receipt must be taken for this advance and the following Stoppages must be made monthly till it be discharged.

1 Pagoda for each draught Bullock

¾ of a Do. ..... Carriage Do.

The Bullocks you are to receive from the Merchant & Bullock people will be already broke and provided with Saddle nose strings &c but those from the Villages will be wanting in these respects. the boring of the nose ought to be done immediately, & as it will be in your power to provide them with Saddles most expeditiously you will immediately set your people to work & include the Price of the Saddle in the purchase Bond.

As dispatch in the performance of this commission is the first consideration, I recommend to you to make immediate & liberal advances of Cash to the Head Bullock People whom you entrust with the Dindigul share of the concern. from that moment they will begin to exert themselves. It is therefore material that you satisfy yourself in the advance being actually made to them in money. If the amount of your contributions to me in Cash shall be no more than is equal to the advances & complete Equipment of the number I have required of you I shall be very well satisfied, at the same time if it is in your power to remit more. I shall have occasion for it and be obliged to you.

The Bullock maistries here have undertaken to provide 2000 Bullocks, & the Rajah has promised me 1000 from his Villages (besides the 2000 He has already given) — I hope

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have a considerable proportion of these collected in 10 days and in 15 Days to assemble at least half the number the whole will be expected in three weeks — our utmost and best — exertions are therefore indispensable.

I will in a day or two transmit a few — Regulations relative to the Forms & statement which the army assert will require from us —

I have &c.

Tanjore
5th April 1799

(Signed) Benj Torin
Resident

To Mr T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

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Sir,

The time approaching near when it will be necessary you give attention to the annual Statements I take the liberty to remind you on the subject. The accounts required to be furnished, as well as the dates for their transmission to the Presidency you are already acquainted with, or my letter of the 5th April 98 and the 41st Article of Regulations particularly shew, to which therefore for the sake of regularity permit me to beg a reference.

Being apprehensive my letter transmitting the form to be observed in drawing out your Estimate did not convey clearly the alteration it must occasion in the comparative statement, I have the pleasure to enclose this account made up from your Estimate 98/99 as a guide to your furnishing a correct comparison. The Sums I have put down being the same in the form as in the Estimate only differently transposed in abstract you have merely to enter the particulars of Revenue composing it and I will thank you to assign very fully the causes of any increase or deficiency apposed the several branches under which the Revenue is classed.

Fort St George
6th April 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) Geo. Read.
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Statement Comparative between the Estimate and actual of Gross Collections and charges at Dindigal from 1st May 1798 to 30th April 1799.

Heads of Revenue	Expected Gross Receipts	Actual Gross Receipts	Excess of Gross Receipts	Deficiency of Gross Receipts	Remarks	Heads of Disbursements	Expected disbursements	Actual disbursements	Excess of disbursements	disbursement short of the estimate	Remarks
Receipts Ordinary						Ordinary					
Land Revenue rented (Enter particulars)	100575					Charges Collection	11406				
Land Revenue under amani or Revenue not included in the Jummah	702					Salary & Commission	4205				
						Charges Extraordinary	3666				
						Repairs of Tanks	11600				
	101277					Sybbendy	5462				
Collections of arrears						Pensions	120				
Land Revenue rented (Enter particulars)	61						36459				
Customs — Inland Customs	6797					Customs					
	108135					Extraordinary					
Extraordinary						Tuckavy advances	5143				
Tuckavy advances	482					Opuntia Plantation	70				
Gain by Exchange	1202						5213				
	1684						41672				
	109819										

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My dear Sir,

By Col. B's letter I learn that was to be summoned on the 5th, & that 2 more Cos of Travencorians are ordered to Dindigul.

I have the pleasure to send for your perusal a letter, or rather the copy of a letter, containing an account of the capture of Sholaykerry, who comports himself to be a brave & faithful man when read please to send it to Captn Trotter as I am desired to shew this letter to Captn Gillum and Captn Twitt enclose and transmit it to him.

Our weather is intolerably hot both man and beast must suffer in this adust region from the extreme heat and the scarcity & badness of the water. Since leaving Jumadpully till my arrival here I have tasted none good & fluxes began to make their appearance amongst us.

By a letter from Madras, I am informed that the Gr. Gl. was at Sultaness Mor the 21st & that all was well.

I am &c
(Signed) A Lindsay
Camp near Colicooroo
7th April 1799

My dear Sir,

I am this moment favored with your letter subjoined to the copy of Col. B to you.

I cannot see the propriety of commencing a predatory warfare & have carefully avoided it tho' must in my power. Columbum I could have taken quiet possession of when at Talygoot on the 18th Ultimo but adverting to circumstances, refrained from that

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and every mean act of   of either please or property. Indeed the territory to be secured is already too extensive for all your Peons & this Detachment.

The business on which I am at present employed is well defined & your Peons as long as they are within the territory or only reclaiming what the Banditti have carried off from it shall receive every protection in my power to offer. In acts of plunder I shall not countenance them.

Be assured my dear Sir, of my heartiest concurrence with you in every matter in which I think the public good can be promoted, being my dear Sir,

Yours truly,
(Signed) A Lindsay
Camp near Calicooroo
7th April 1799
7 1/4 P.M.

My dear Sir

By your Messenger I wrote you the 3d and by a Hircarrah of mine I wrote you at one in the morning of the 6th advising the Surrender of Caroor on the 5th & that I should move with the Detacht agt Arravacoorichy on the 9th. I shall accordingly proceed with it tomorrow Morning to Coilputta and reaching Arravacoorichy on the 10th will except to him from you there if I do not in the interim. I wish much to see you at Aravacorchy, where or in the neighbourhood I lay my account with being until the 12th or 13th & in the mean time I wish you to give me duly information respecting the Situation of the Banditti on the borders and that you may arrange for having as many of your Sebundy in readiness to occupy Aravacoorichy in Case it may be advisable to return it as a Post Dependent on Dindigal if not it

it will be destroyed.

Very truly yours
(Signed) A Brown.
Camp at Caroor
8th April 1799 9 A.M.

Your letter dated the 2d but not Dispatched until the 4th came to hand yesterday.

This will be forwarded by Govind Row ~ Tahsildar of Yerriacottah.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector Dindigul. Camp near Colicoorey
8th April 1799 at 4 P.M.

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday at 10 P.M. is just received. This Detachment being formed to protect the country against the public Enemy. The banditti, & every other ~ disturbed of the place on his frontier you may be assured that I shall execute the service to the best of my ability & that I shall be glad to receive from you any intelli-gence respecting the Enemy which you may think useful, but as to the particular acts to be done & movements to be made I must exercise my own judgement.

I have the pleasure to notify to you that, on arrival at Dindigul of the Co of Travencore auxi-liaries I shall draw from that Garrison 100 firelocks of which 50 will be sent to Yerracottah & 50 to Pylney to put these places in a state of comparative security & relieve the Inhabitants from their present painful ~ apprehensions on Col. Brown's arrival in this vacinity a further arrangement of the Troops in the District suited to their State of affairs will be made.

I have &c.
(Signed) A Lindsay.
Major commanding

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To Mr Hurdis
Collector Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you the receipt of the Poligar of Pylney for Star Pagodas Thirty.

I am much obliged to you for the information respecting the Poligars uncle there is a present a pretty strong guard over the Poligar.

I am &c
(Signed) F James Lieut.
Actg Fort Adjt

Trichinopoly
8th April 1799

To Mr T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul.

(Circular)

Sir,

It being of material consequence I should receive your accounts for March & April very early the latter as soon as possible after the 30th of that month & as the particulars required to accompany the Treasury account might retard their transmission to an inconvenient period for the business of my office I am induced to request that your attention be previously given to the closing of the Treasury accounts letting the accompaniments follow when you have full leisure to complete them. By this means I am inclined to expect your April accounts by the 25th of May at furthest

I am &c
(Signed) Geo Read
A.B.R.

Fort St George
9th April 1799.

10th April 1799

J G Ravenshaw Esquire

Sir,

Be pleased to acquaint Mr Hurdis that I shall

shall order an addition of 6 Sepoys to the Guard he at present has & that he has permission to take the whole or any part of it with him but that I cannot spare him another man, a District order having ordered away a large proportion of our effective force.

I have &c.
Signed C. Trotter
Captain Commanding

To T. B. Hardis Esquire
Collector Dindigul.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of information of the 9th Instant & for the small supply of cattle you promise me under the many difficulties that exist in your province against the Undertaking. I have not been misfortunate in my application to Trichinopoly. I had put to Major Kinny 5000 Pags & have now desired him to forward to you the sum of two thousand five hundred in the hope of enlarging auxilerating your means — if you want more I shall be able to supply you in — I can point the Bills you allude to in Madura.

I have written to Mr Hughes to interest himself for me in the Madura & neighbouring Countries & to Mr Lushington for his aid in the more extensive sphere of his appointment & rely greatly in them for assistance.

It is much against the promptness of the supply that the Nabobs Countries are not in our possession & that we cannot in any degree depend upon his Manager but for counteraction. This however obliges us the more to try the strength of our own resources.

I thank you for the alacrity in the immediate issue of your Takeeds. These will no doubt be attended to & produce a certain number of Bullocks. In order to procure owners & drivers, it may answer to call upon your Custom Renters for their list of the different Traders within your jurisdiction with the number of Bullocks in their service and to insist on their supplying as many drivers as Bullocks by which you will obtain a sufficient number of People to take charge of the cattle from the cultivator at the rate of three carriage Bullocks for each driver.

The aversion many of the Merchants put to the Camp life prevents them from considering and calculating in the great advantage held out by the terms offered by the Company particularly to those who have not Bullocks of their own & can be persuaded to become the owners of the Village Bullocks on their Bond. Suppose a merchant to undertake the charge of 20 Bullocks, he would receive Monthly the Sum of 30 Pags. and after deducting 15 Pags for Stoppages & 6 Pags for the pay of his drivers, he would gain 9 Pags. per Month in his concern until his Bond was paid off - & then his receipts would increase to the Sum of 24 Pags. I will very readily send a man for the purpose of marking, examining and mustering the Dindigul Bullocks as soon as you apprise me they are ready in the mean time I hope you will endeavour thro' the medium of some able man to make the Lobbies & merchants acquainted with the great profits arriving from the service Even Bazar men would find an advantage

-vantage in shutting their shops & going to camp as proprie-
-tors of 50 or 100 Bullocks.

If the Bullocks are their own & they hire them to the Company they cannot lose from the advance made them in the first instance being equal to the value (in most instances) of their Bullock.

Under these circumstances & the accom-modation you can offer them of reserving any portion of their Pay for their families. I hope I do not deceive myself in the belief that your success will exceed your expectations.

If they can be ready to march by the 20th it will be in time.

Your very truly,
(signed) B. Tom

Tanjour,
11th April
1799

To T. B. Hardis Esquire
Collector Dindigul District

Sir

Your letter to me of the 9th Instant was received last night in the letter you quote from mine of the 7th Instant the following paragraphs.

I cannot see the propriety of commencing a preditory warefare & have carefully avoided it tho much in my power Columbum I could have taken quite possession of when at Talyool on the 18th Ultimo, but adverting to circumstances to refrained from that & every other act of seizure of either place or property indeed, the territory to be secured is already too intensive for all your peons & this detacht.

The business on which I am at present

employed is well defined and your peons as long as they are within the Company's territory or only reclaiming what the banditti have carried off him it shall receive every protection in my power to afford in acts of plunder I shall not countenance them.

These paragraphs you conceive intimate that I have been called on to support a predatory warfare & your request to know from whom directs a requisition came. In answer I beg leave to cite from your letter to me of the 6. Instant the subsequent passages.

As I am well informed that Tippoo's people are distroying the Grain collected in different parts of the Country & as I know the Curawally of Columbum yielded much I have with the view of securing as much as possible for the Circar ordered the Tasildar to take the whole of the Grain he may find keeping possession of it until he receive further orders

In case he should in the above service you require assistance from you I beg the favor of you to afford it him.

I forbear making any Comment on these passages but must remark that I am quite ignorant of your possessing any warrant or authority to wage war against the Public Enemy or make seizures from him on such occasions our own Govt. like every other well regulated that are pleased to employ their military Servants whom they maintain for these

& other

& other military servants.

I am also equally unacquainted by what authority you require Columbum or any other place of Tippoos to be put into your possession & till I am informed of these new power being vested in you I must necessarily decline complying with any such requisition.

In your military speculation that circum-stances exist now that make the possession of Colum-bum desirable the fall of Caroor & the placing a Garrison in Arevaicourchee which I hope will take place in two three days evil quite all on the North & North east frontier & leave you at liberty to take a possession of Daraporum & thereby cover the whole of the Pylney frontier with greater ease than now to your-self & sepoys, it appears to me you have forgotten the hill fort of Chuckragherry, Veroopatchy, Treachery & that the troubles in the District have been given a chiefly excited by out Caws & banditti who roam about in the Jungles of the measures to be taken to cover the Pylney frontier to the best advantage & with the greatest ease to the sepoys & myself. I also may be allowed to form an opinion tho' it may not correspond with yours.

Tho' on the frontier & near to the Colum-bum & in intercourse with Tippoos subjects who are very desirous to change their master, I have heard nothing of the distruction of the Grain of which as well as of the Ryots, Col. Brown who has ex-pected

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pected to arrive in Camp of this in a few days will take proper care unless anticipated by your peons

I beg leave to inform you that at Talyoot from your Tasildar having withdrawn the peons stationed there to carry them with him on his expedient that, & the adjacent Villages were left almost destitute of Inhabitants who betook themselves to the Jungles from which since the arrival of the Detachment they begin to return.

I have &c.
(signed) A Lindsay
Major Commanding

Camp near Tanjawalsat
11th April 1799

P.S. To obviate mistake and prevent our annexing different ideas to the same phrase it may be not useful to mention that by a predatory warefare I mean, & have always found it so understood a war or series of hostilities of which the seizure of plunder no matter from whom & not any action that might bring matters to a Conclusion on the object it war of Posts is a similar phrase & applied to acts of hostility on which the seizure of posts & not battles in the sole aim.

To T B Hurdes Esquire
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir.

Enclosed you will receive Extract from the Regulations established by Government for the Bullock Department & which having been sent to me for my Guidance I beg leave to request your attentions to them in all cases when they may be found to apply to the Service on which we are at present employed.

I have &c.
Perry Farm
Resident.

Tanjour
15th April 1799

Extracts

Extracts of Regulations for the Bullock Department by Government.

The principal agent for Draught and carriage Bullocks in the Field will receive from the Garrison StoreKeepers or others who may be appointed by Government to provide cattle for the army a regular account or Register for the number & date entertained, the names of the owners and the advances made to them to enable him to furnish the subordinate agents to whose Department they may be attached with the necessary information in regard to advances which it will be the duty of the principal agent to see realized by stoppages from the Monthly hire of the cattle which such owner or owners may have in the service.

Bullocks ordered to be provided by the Garrison storekeeper at Fort St George by the Garrison storekeepers at out stations, or other for the use of the army, are to be reported as they are brought in, if at the Presidency, to the Military Auditor General, who will immediately order them to be mustered marked & certified by his deputy or assistant, & if at out stations to the commanding officer on the spot who will in like manner order them to be mustered & marked & certified in the absence of the Muster-Master by the Public staff officer of the station & the draught Bullocks fit for service to be branded in presence of the Mustering officer with the Letter D and the carriage Bullocks with the Letter C the certificate of the Mustering officer

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(of which a Duplicate is to be forwarded to the Military Auditor General) is to express the date of the Bullock being entertained & the number of each discription in words at length as well as figures declaring them fit for service and this certificate which is to be the voucher for the commencement of the hire, is at out stations to be approved under the countersignature of the commanding officer.

The Garrison storekeeper or other person by whom such Bullocks may have been provided is to forward with them to the principal agent in Camp, a Return of their numbers accompanied by the certificates of the mustering officer the Indents on which supplied to Corps or Departments, and by Registers as directed in the first article according to forms which will be furnished by the Military auditor General, and it will be the special duty of the principal agent to muster them when they arrive in Camp and on being approved to brand them with the Mark of the Department to which they are or may be attached, copies of all such certificates and Indents are to be entered by the persons furnishing the Bullock in a Book to be kept for that purpose.

Whenever musters of Cattle are ordered which should be at or as near the close of each Month as possible. the principal agent will be accompanied by the Muster Master of the army with whom the power of rejecting unserviciable cattle is vested. but it will be his province as agent to point out any

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causes which may arise from unfavorable Seasons or temporary hard services to entitle the proprietors of cattle to the indulgence of time to restore them to a condition for service uniting his endeavours however with the Muster Master to relieve the public from the expense of any cattle which admit of no hope of recovering or prospect of becoming serviceable to the public & if notwithstanding such representations on the part of the principal agent the Muster Master should deem it his duty to reject the cattle in question the former is to furnish him with his reasons for differing in opinion which the Muster Master is to transmit with his Muster Return to the commanding officer of the army for his Ultimate decision Until which decision, the cattle objected to shall be kept apart from the rest & to be continued in the service only upon the written authority of the commanding Officer of the army to the Muster Master, Copy of which authority shall be transmitted with a duplicate of his General Muster Return to the Military Auditor General all Bullocks finally rejected by the Muster Master shall be branded with the Letter R at the time of such final rejection. No allowance will be made for any Bullocks which on being mustered shall not appear marked according to the standing orders.

Cattle the property of the public are never to be sold or delivered to Bullock owners for less than their Cost except by the express order of the officer commanding the army, but the purchase of cattle

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cattle on account of the Company is to be avoided as much as possible & when they are likely to be equally well procured thro the medium of the Mastries by advances where proper security can be obtained this mode is to be always prefered.

The General rates here for all cattle engaged for the public service under the agency is to be regulated at 2 Pags & 8 fanams per Month for each draught and 1 and ½ Pagoda for each carriage Bullock except the carriage cattle employed in the conveyance of Camp Equipage for which 1 Pagoda and ¾ is to be allowed from the 1st January 1799 in consideration of the nature of their loads greater number of casualties that Department is liable to and the superior strength & quality of the cattle requisite for the performance of the duty in that Branch of the service the above rates include the provision of Sack Saddles and attendants in the proportion of drivers to every pair of Draught Bullocks.

The principal agent in camp is to keep a monthly Register a Return of all cattle entertained in the service whether by himself or received from the Garrison storekeepers or other agents showing the dates received the date distributed to Corps or Departments the dates of Casualties & of such being replaced & the number remaining at the close of each Month under his charge not attached to any corps or Department which must also be mustered by the Muster Master, & the Muster certificate to accompany the account in which the hire or charges are inserted. Seperate return is to be kept of cattle purchased by the principal agent or

received

received from any quarter on account of the company without owners shewing the dates of their being received the casualties the deliveries to owners & the number remaining under his charge at the close of each Month to be in like manner mustered by the muster master whose certificate is to accompany the account in which a charge is made for their keeping.

When Bullocks shall be received to which no valuation has been affixed and that it becomes necessary to deliver them to owners before such valuation can be obtained the principal agent is with the sanction of the commanding officer of the Army to fix the rates at which they are to be charged to the owners.

The principal agent will be allowed to charge for such a number of writers Conacopolie and Servants as he may find indispensably necessary for conducting the business of his Department but it is expected at all times that he keep the Establishment as low as possible.

The only monthly charge to be admitted in the accounts of the principal agent over and above his salary the stated hire of the cattle and the pay of servants will be for the Mastries but this charge is not to exceed the proportion of 1 Mastry to every Fifty Bullocks and 1 Head mastry to every two thousand Bullocks the pay of the former to be 2 Pagodas ℔ Month & the latter ten.

The agency is to be conducted upon honor that is to say the strictest economy is to be observed in every expence Sums advanced or disbursed are to be entered

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in the accounts of the Principal Agent which are to be attended in the following form.

I do hereby solemnly declare upon my honor that these accounts contain nothing to the best of my knowledge but bonafide Transaction between the Honorable Company and the Individuals respectively concerned, that I have endeavoured in the adjustment of them to see strict justice done between the Company & the proprietors who furnish the cattle & that no item of expence is included in this account which I do not think has been necessarily & exclusively incurred for the public service & further that I do not nor shall not drive directly or indirectly any advantage or emolument whatever from this agency over & above any established salary of Pagodas per Month.

In order to facilitate the keeping and adjustment of the necessary accounts which the several bullock owners in their respective department the sub agents will be allowed exclusive of Head Mastries a conacoply at five (5) Pagoda per Month for every Two Thousand Bullocks expressly for that purpose and to be mustered with the other public followers belonging to those Departments.

A true Extract

(Signed) P. Tom
Resident.

Register of

Register of Bullocks collected for the Army and sent to the Resident in Tanjour by George Balmain Esquire Collector.

Denomination	Maistries	Drivers	Bullocks	Names of the owners	Date when obtained	Amount of advances as per Receipt			Amount of Bond for Cattle delivered		
						Star Ps	fs	Cash	Star Ps	fs	Cash
Draught	11	250	500	Mootiah	1st April 1799						
Carriage	50	333	1000	Do							

J. B. Hurdis Esquire

Collector &c. Dindigul.

Sir,

At the request of Mr Torin Resident of Tanjore I have the honor to inform you I will dispatch tomorrow morning for you two Thousand five hundred Pagodas under charge of a Guard of one Naigue & four Sepoys but should you consider that Guard insufficient from the state of your part of the Country you will consequently send a

reinforcement

reinforcement from Dindigul to meet them.

Trichinopoly
15th April 1799

I have &c
(signed) W Kenny Major
Commanding Trichinopoly

T. B. Hurdis Esquire
&c &c

Sir, From the Bearer you will receive the two thousand five hundred Pagodas I wrote you about yesterday & have the honor to be Sir,

Trichinopoly
16th April 1799

Your obedient
(signed) W. Kenny
Comg Trichinopoly

To Mr T B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

The Board having laid before Government your letter of the 27th Ultimo relative to the irregular conduct of the Veroopatchee Poligar I am directed to transmit you extract of their letter dated 1st Instant which accompanied it and of the Governor General in Council Reply thereto dated 13th Instant for the guidance of your conduct towards him.

Fort St George
16th April 1799.

I am &c
(signed) J B Travers
Secretary.

Extract of a letter to Government dated 4th April 1799.

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship copy of a letter from Mr Hurdis relative to the irregular conduct of the Veroopatchee Poligar

In the present situation of affairs we can only recommend that Mr Hurdis be instructed to make such arrangements in regard to

their

this Poligar in communication with the officer com-manding to the southward as shall appear to them most eligible at this crisis. We propose however with your Lordships sanction to direct the Collector to state to the Poligar the circumstances of Misconduct that have been reported to him, and to warn him of the consequence of committing depredations or doing any act, which may for ever deprive him of the Protection of the company's Government.

Extract of a letter from Government dated 13th April 1799

We approve your orders to the Collector at Dindigul, with regard to the Verorpatchee Poligar.

(True Extracts)

(signed) W. E. Wright
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T. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

So much of my time has within these few days, been given to the entertainment and collection of Bullocks, for the service of the Army, that I have not before had leisure to send you a copy of the Takeeds which I have written to the Poligars of Yailmarra, Woolappa-naignoor & Toodappanaignoor, in consequence of your letter of the 8th Instant.

The conduct of the Auttum Poligar, from what has yet come before me, appears to have been equally Treacherous, & cruel, to the Heads of the colleries; but it is highly probable that they gave him provocation - Nothing however, can palliate the breach of Cowle, & I am sorry to inform you that the Vakeel of the Poligar has not scrupled to avow that Toppa Curpa Veeren

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and his son were betrayed into his Master's Pollum, upon the pretence of a Visit

I have &c.

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17th April 1799

(signed) S. Lushington
Collector.

To the Poligar of Yailmutay.

The assistance which Poojary Naigue, the dispossed Poligar of Doodanapatty, has received from you in plundering the Dindigul District, has long been a subject of complaint from the Collector there, & still I am informed that you continue to afford it.

To assist a Poligar who has fallen under the Companies displeasure, is to take arms against them. of this you are well aware from the many Tukeeds I have written to you respecting your conduct towards Combia Naig. If therefore you have again the rashness to aid either Poojary Naig or Combia Naig it will not be in my power to save you from distruction.

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15th April 1799

(signed) S. R. Lushington
Collector.

To the Poligars of Doodapah naig noor & Wootapa Naignoor

Though you have hitherto afforded assistance to the Colleries in plundering the Dindigul District, & have countenanced the dispossessed Poligars of that Province with impunity if you imagin that this your disobedience will any longer be suffered you will soon feel the better consequence of your folly to aid depredations upon the Circar Talooks & to encourage the Poligars who have fallen under their displeasure is to take arms against the Company of the inevitable consequences of opposing your insignificance to their power be ignorant. If therefore you do not desire your own you will on the moment of receiving this letter abandon all connection with the Colleries & the dispossessed

Sed Poligars of Dindegul there is no safety for you, but in following this advice & I shall take proper means to ascertain how far you regard it

15th April 1799.

(Signed) J. R. Lushington
Collector

(True Copies)
H Graeme
2d Asst.

To Mr J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindegul

(Circular)

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you Extract of a letter from the Secretary to Government dated 14th instant, relative to the annual account, & the Board desire your strict attention to the Governor Generals orders in transmitting within the prescribed period the accounts of your station to the 30th April, to Mr George Reads office

Fort St George
18th April 1799.

I am &c
(Signed) W. C. Wright
Actg Dy Secry

Extract of a letter from the Secretary to Government
Dated 14 April 1799.

The annual accounts of your Department being required as soon as possible after the 30th Instant for transmission to England, to be laid before Parliament, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to desire that the several officers subordinate to your department may be enjoined to transmit, with the utmost punctuality, & within the prescribed Period their annual accounts to the 31th April to your accountant, so that he may be enabled to furnish the accountant General with the documents required for the compilation of the annual statements and Estimates of the Government with the

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necessary dispatch and accuracy.

A true Extract.

(signed) W. E. Wright
A. Dy. Secry.

To J. G. Ravenshaw Esquire

Assistant Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

As it is very probable an order may arrive to dispatch to Colonel Brown, a Division of the Bullocks now collecting for the service in time to proceed with him to the army. I have to request you will hold in readiness whatever cattle you may have collected in order that they may join the party from Trichinopoly as they pass Caroor of which you will have timely information. I expect the order (if it comes at all) about the 25th & beg to know by return of Tappal the number of Bullocks you will have collected by that time.

I have sent you a Form stating all the particulars which will be required with the accounts of Mr. Hurdis's Expenditure on the Article of supply.

Tanjour,
20th April
1799.

I am &c.
(signed) B. Torin.
Resident.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esqr. or
Mr. Ravenshaw assistant Collector
Dindigul.

Sir,

Permit me to request an advance of 4000 Star Pagodas for my Disbursement for the ensuing Month.

Madura
26th April
1799.

I have &c.
(signed) Robt. Hughes,
A. Paymaster

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul

Sir,

I am favored with your letter from Darapoorum of

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the 18th in which you express your intention to carry forward the Bullocks you may receive from Pylney and the southward and deliver the whole to the Southern Army. I have also desired Mr Hughes to forward his supply & written to Captain Gepp to send on the 1200 which Mr Hawkins people were to collect at Carroor by the 29th provided these Gentlemen learn from the state of their intelligence that the cattle can overtake Colonel Brown in safety & not to reserve them for the next opportunity. I think it probable if Colonel Brown still hold his intention to leave Erroad on the 26th that your Pylney cattle are the only division he can take along with him.

I much request whatever number of Bullocks may proceed from your supply thus you take the trouble to have the regular Register Certificates &c. made out agreeable to the regulations transmitted to me, that I may sign and forward them to the Agent in Camp.

I shall trust to your vigilance and acknowledged attention to the public Interests, to see that they are in good condition & properly equiped with drivers and saddles.

It is no more than I owe to Mr Ravenshaw's attention to say that he has afforded me every satisfactory information and assistance in your absence from Dindigul.

Tanjour
27th April
1799

I have &c.
(Signed) Benj. Torin
Resident.

Dindigul 27th April 1799

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr Collector or in the absence
J. G. Ravenshaw Esquire

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an Extract of a Letter received this morning from Mr Hughes & have in consequence

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to call upon you requesting that you will grant every assistance in your power to the agent of Mr Hughes here in the procuring of Draught & Carriage Bullocks for the Guns & Detachment ordered to join Major Lindsay

I am &c.
(signed) T. Trotter
Captn. Commanding

Dear Hurdis

That miserable Tahsildar has neither in the Bazar nor readily any thing, as I am told by the Europeans who are in want of every thing can you remove this evil speedily

yours truly
(signed) Malm. Macgregor
27th April 1799

To Mr Thomas B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed to return to you an Indent of Stationary, required for your Collectorship, signed by your assistant, it not having been accompanied with any letter. The Court of Directors and Government having desired that the utmost œconomy may be observed in the expenditure of Stationary, the Board desire you will pay strict attention to these orders in drawing out your annual Indent.

Fort St George
27th April 1799

I am &c.
J B Travers
Secretary

T. B. Hurdis Esquire
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Sir

About two months ago I supplied several heads of cattle for the use of the Bombay Army and as I have some more draft cattle I take the liberty of writing to know whether you will take any number from two hundred to one thousand at the price I received here for them which was 40 Rupees per head — If you wish to have them I will send about 200 immediately but must request you will write to Major Romney at

Palgaut

Palgaat for an escort to send them to you the cattle to be at the risk of the purchaser after crossing the Boundary of this province Walliara.

I have also a large quantity of rice at Palgaat which I should be glad to send to Coimbatore or Erroad at one Rupee three quarters per Marcall delivered at the latter and one Rupee one quarter and 50 reas per Marcall delivered at the former. I am in daily expectation of procuring some Grain also and should be happy to know whether that will be received, as it has to be brought 70 miles land carriage before it gets to Palgaat I cannot ascertain the price, but I should think it will require when delivered with you about 80 Rupees a bandy.

Your answer addressed to the care of Lieutenant Burr, Palgaat will greatly oblige

Angadiporum
29 April 1799.

Sir
your most obedient
Servant
(Signed) J. W. Wye.

P.S. In the event of your wanting Bullocks or rice the mode of payment I should prefer would be by a Bill on the Southern Superintendent of this Province, whose name is Mr. George Waddell.

Signed J. W. W.

I have letters this moment to inform you that 50 bandies of grain are arrived for me & more expected every day.

(Signed) J. W. W.

Dear Hurdis,

If the duguar has been complaining that any Rice was due to him before this day he has been imposing upon your people. He now acknowledges to have and on the 25th Inst six days rice in advance at any rate had there been room for complaint he should have made it known to me.

Yours
(Signed) M. Macgregor
30th April 1799.

J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr.
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Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the two thousand five hundred Star Pagodas you dispatch from Dindigul on the 26th Instant & have returned under charge of the Guard two thousand Star Pagodas at the request of Mr. Torin for R. Hughes Esqr. Paymaster of Madura which will oblige me by forwarding him should an Escort not arrive in Madura for it I have written Mr. Hughes advising him of its being dispatched from hence Via Dindigul and to send a Guard to take charge of it.

I am &c.
(Signed) Major Kenny
Commanding Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly
30th April 1799.

J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr.
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Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the two thousand five hundred Star Pagodas you dispatched from Dindigul on the 26th Instant & have returned under charge of the Guard three Thousand Star Pagodas at the request of Mr. Torin for Rt. Hughes Esqr. Paymaster of Madura which you will oblige me by forwarding to him should Escort not arrive from Madura for it, I have written Mr. Hughes advising him of its being dispatched from hence Via Dindigul & to send a Guard to take charge of it.

I am &c.
(Signed) M. Kenny
Commanding Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly
April 30th 1799.

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T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector &c.

Sir,

Agreeable to your application of the date fifty of Tondaman's peons for each Tehsildar you mention will be furnished notwithstanding I have no direction from Lieut. Colonel Brown to let any of them Secure out of

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this District they have received their allowance from the Grain Department of Rice up to the first of May Ins^t. according to the Colonel's order you will of Course settle the manner in which they are to be supplied with rice while detached.

I have &c.
(signed) M. Macgregor
Cap^n Commanding

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31st. April 1799

To M^r. J B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

The Right Honourable the Governor General in Council, having in consequence of the departure of Lieutenant Colonel Brown from the southern province, deemed it expedient for the furtherance of the public service to place the general controul of the revenues and resources of those districts south of the Coleroon under the direction of the Resident at Tanjour I am directed to acquaint you that his Lordship hereby revokes all former orders respecting the appropriation of your surplus Cash and desires that you will comply with such application as you may receive from M^r. Torin in regard to the disposal of it or in regard to any other assistance or information which that Gentleman may require from you.

The Paymasters have been in consequence ordered to transmit their indents directly to M^r. Torin — who will apprize you of the amount to be supplied for the Monthly expences of the troops in your Districts.

Fort St. George
1st. May 1799.

I am &c.
(signed) J Webbe
Secy to Gov^t.

To G Ravenshaw Esqr.
Assistant Collector Dindigul

Sir,

Permit me to request the favor of your forwarding me to Madura under a strong Guard the Cash which the Resident

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Resident at Tanjour has requested the Commanding officer of Trichinopoly to consign to you on my account.

Madura.
2th May 1799.

I have &c.
(Signed) Robt Hughes.
Actg Qrmaster

10 July 1859

To J. G. Ravenshaw Esquire,
Assistant Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

I have just received an order from Government which requires the immediate dispatch of such Bullocks as you may have collected to the officer commanding at Namcul. You will be pleased to direct all the cattle that have arrived or may arrive for Mr Hughes to proceed to the same place with the utmost expedition & to let me know by the return of the Tappal & directed for me at Trichinopoly. How many of Draught Carriages are ready to proceed.

It is to be apprehended that the service in which they are to be employed will be much impeded for want of Rice Bags if therefore you can but without delay collect any number either of Bags or gunnies I shall very readily reimburse the expense or you may be able to prepare some by the next Division of Bullocks & these will be very acceptable.

I am happy to hear your Quota of 2000 is completed. I trust they are all strong and serviceable.

If you can engage (500) five hundred men of carriage I shall be happy to receive them.

Tanjour
4th May 1799.

I am &c.
(Signed) Benj Torin
Resident

Columbum 5th May 1799

Dear Hurdis,

I have received your two notes & I had not before

before given Herry Row every assistance. Im Peons & Sepoys he would have done very little indeed, & as it is he is not at present able to do so much as he will when the will his in our possession.

The Paddy is coming in as fast as the very fine Bullock he can muster is able to bring it. He has got I believe the whole of the Paddy belonging to the Village here but not stacked.

I had formed a Plan a few nights ago to catch a Rascal of the name of Nungapilla Havaldars Guard & fifty Peons were ready but he had changed his ground.

Herry Row tells me you are writing to him for Bullocks there is hardly are on the Village but what belongs to myself but the fall the still he may probably be able to get sum avery few people, we here in the writer of the Village with the head man is a prisoner in the hill when shall you here the way yours

Ever
(Signed) J Simon

To Thomas B Hurdis Esquire
Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

In consequence of the letter you will have received from Government dated 1st May I have to request you will inform me the probable amount of your Surplus Cash in this & in every succeeding Month & the period in which it may be forthcoming for Public Disbursements.

The Paymaster of the Southern Detachment is very desirous to be furnished with two Months Pay for his Troops by the middle of this Month. You will therefore be pleased to hold in readiness whatever balance you have in hand that it may proceed to Camp by the first Escort.

Trichinopoly
6th May 1799

I am &c
(Signed) Benj Torin
Resident.

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To Mr Thomas B Hurdis
Collector at Dindigal

Sir, The Right Honble the Governor General in Council considering it of the greatest importance to the Interests of the Company that "European" Foreigners of any description whatever, unless they may actually be in the service of the Company shall not be permitted to reside at any of the out Stations or in any of the Provinces dependent on this Government, directs me to point out to your serious attention the measures which his Lordship is determined to pursue for the purpose of carrying his intentions into Effect.

His Lordship therefore desires that you will immediately take the necessary measures for making the most minute Enquiry in every Village in the Districts under your charge for foreigners of every discription. Those who may in consequence of this Examination be discovered are to be secured and you will transmit to me for his Lordships information every circumstance which may come to your knowledge respecting their character conduct and probable views.

The Governor General directs you to make this enquiry one of the principal objects of your public duty not only in every part of the districts under your own superintendance, but His Lordship also wishes you to extend the investigation as far as you may have the means into the adjacent Provinces & to watch with unremitting vigilance the arrival, conduct and Progress of all European Travellers whatever.

That you may be fully apprised of his

Lordships

Lordships intentions I am directed to add that he intends to embark for Europe (with such alleviation of personal distress as may be possible) all foreigners who may be found resident in the Company's Dominions with the exception of such cases as may be of a special Nature, of which his Lordship in Council will be the Judge and I am directed to repeat the Governor General's injunctions on this point with the greater urgency because his Lordship has had serious occasion to observe the relaxed state of the Police in every part of the Territories dependent on this Presidency; You will therefore provide that this part of your public duties be executed with the greatest degree of exactness & promptitude of which the existing System is capable, & if any alteration or addition of Establishment should be necessary to the more efficient exercise of the powers entrusted to you by this order You will loss no time in laying the requisite Explanations before the Board of Revenue.

Fort St George
6th May 1799

(signed) I am &c
J Webbe
Secry to Govt

Dear Hardis

I was called up at about 4 oClock this morning with an alarm that the fort was surrounded, but it was only an attack on the Village a Party of Peons came (number unknown) & they kept up an immense fireing present time & as I was certain, before any party can't get to the Village they want decamp. I detached a Jemadar & twenty firelocks to try to cut of their Retreat by a short Route and the was so lucky as to cam up to them &

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gave them his force & he says he must have wounded fine as he saw one man carrying off they little expected to be attacked in their retreat on the party coming in sight one man mounted his horn & they took their hats in great confusion leaving their shoes behind.

They were in such a Fright & Hurry themselves that they did no Mischief whatever they might here have with burnt all the Paddy which was stacked in the Village of & they might have carried off hurry [illegible] Horse who when the attack commenced came to the fort with the Cash.

Their objects seem to be to get hold of some of the head People who are here in the Jemedar says there was about 150 but I shall know more & let you know in a day or two more particulars your Peons may do very well behind walls but they are fit for nothing else & the Jemedar of the Peons here is a talking Vagabond not worth one Cash as soon as the firing bazar in the Village he was calling out that they were killing his Peons in the Village & wanted to go their assistance & no sooner was the gate opened than he took to his hats without any peons. He appears to me to be one of those sent of Lackeys that is ready to join any plundering party.

The Bramins here say that the Dolla Poligar has sent peons to the hill which I do not beleive.

altho the Killadar may know I am not very strong in Sepoys he will perceive by todays work that we longest meet him in the Plain.

They came creeping into the Village behind some Buffaloes & Bullocks which they drove before them.

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One of your Peons Powder blow up & burnt his belly
Yours truly
Columbum (signed) J Jenon
May 7th 1799.

My dear Sir,

The Bullocks that were furnished at Dindigul for the brigade of Field pieces, having never done work before are all nearly expended. The necessity of my moving on to join Major Lindsay, obliged me to make a requisition to the head man here, for a few Bullocks to replace those that has been rendered entirely unfit for service.

He has brought the Bullocks & I have given him a Certificate of having furnished them joining & consulting with Major Lindsay. I will immediately take the necessary steps, to get the people reimbursed.

I have much reason to be pleased with the head man here, whom readiness to accommodate the public service as soon as he understood the nature of it earnest he sufficiently period in haste

Yerracottah Yours &c
7th May 1799. (signed) Robt Scot.

I do hereby certify that Monigar Ram kistna of Yerracottah has at my requisiting furnished 10 serviciable draught Bullocks enable me to carry on the Public service in escoting a Bregade of Field artillery to Major Lindsay agreeable to Division orders.

Of the Bullocks furnished by or Mr Hughes some have broke away from the yoke in the night & escaped and others are entirely unfit

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for the Public Service

Yerracottah
7th May 1799

(Signed) Robt Scot
Lieut Comg a
Detachment

1 Feb 1800

To J. G. Ravenshaw Esquire

Assistant Collector Dindigul

Sir,

I am favored with yours of the 7th representing the demands of the Bullock owners for a further advance of Cash to those who were entertained so easily as not to be able to reach the Army within the Month it would be very proper to assist with the means, but as most of your cattle have not been engaged for the space of 10 days their distress must be in part preferred as they are going in an important Service it is better to err on the right side & I do not object to your sending after them as much as will pay them at the rate of half a Pagoda for each Bullock taking care to obtain a receipt from the owners to state it at the foot of the Register You will not allow them to be detained on the account.

Tanjour
9th May 1799

Your obedient Servant
(Signed) B. Torin
Resident.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire

Collector at Coimbatore

Dear Sir,

On the 6th Mr Ravenshaw advised me of the departure of 1900 Bullocks from Dindigul, these with the 17th put on by you with Colonel Brown's Detachment, complete your contribution, & I beg leave to return you my best thanks for the punctual and satisfactory manner in which they have been furnished. Mr Ravenshaw promises me still a few more

In consequence of orders from Government of the 4th May I must request of you to stop all the draught cattle as they pass Caroor on their way to Naracul both of your Collection & of Mr Hughes it is sent forward only the Carriage Vizt 1530 from Dindigul & 500 from Madura — these two thousand cattle are to proceed to Shurkoodoory for the purpose of carrying Rice to the Army. The draught cattle I request you will send to some convenient place for forage and Protection for the present.

By the letter you will receive from the Secretary dated the 4th May you will see the important services committed to our charge & how necessary it is for us to go hand in hand in the prompt execution of it.

I am now to request information from you on the two most material point. The quantity of grain you can collect, to form the store at Caroor & Errode & what carriage you can command to convey it to these places, & I beg to know how far your other avocations will allow you to attend to this service — if you are likely to remain in the part of Coimbatore your personal attention will secure the accomplishment of it if not, I wish to know your opinion of Mr Harris being obtained at Errode for a few weeks to superintend the supply.

The carriage cattle to be employed in the services the Govr. Genl. desires may be distinct from those I have procured for the army and as an encouragement I am authorized to promise the people a moderate compensation should they suffer any loss of their Bullock

Bullock by venturing with them so near the frontier & thro the countries lately subjected to the Company's arms. I do not myself apprehend much danger or cause for apprehension. I fear we shall encounter a more serious difficulty in procuring them & that after all I shall be obliged to employ the army cattle to which (while it can be done with safety) there can be no great objection. I request your opinion on the subject & that you will let me here from you as soon as possible.

Do you consider the draught cattle now to be left at Caroor in a place of safety & can they have the convenience of pasturage those are the steps in the Trichinopoly & Tanjour country when this can be obtained.

Should the army direct its course to the Southwards after the Capture of Seringapatam they will want cattle and sheep from us. Can you undertake any thing in this way? or must the whole be supplied from this and Tanjour. In either case we shall have but little time to prepare for them, for the rivers will soon be down. After the rivers are full & provided no bodies either of the Enemy or the army come South. We must endeavour to get possession of the rest of Coimbatore by Detachment, from all the Southern Enemies & from Paulghautchery. What think you, is it practicable?

Our Government are very liberal in all their arrangements, it is very probable none of the supplies now called for will be required. But the Captains of Seringapatam they say deserve to have

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every precaution taken to supply their wants, on which ever bank of the River they may have occasion to operate after the storm of that period Capital.

I am &c.
(Signed) B. Torin
Resident

Trichinopoly
9th May 1799

I return to Tanjore to night

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

The Board have received your Estimate of Probable receipts, and disbursements for May, & your Register of Bills for April 1799, but I am directed to return to you the letter accompanying them, which is not signed by you or your assistant, & is incorrect in the address.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

Fort St George
9th May 1799

Dear Hurdis

Since my last I understand that the party that paid a visit was no part of the Hill people but is part of a collection of all the Rascals of the dispossessed Garrisons below the Ghauts a part are near Lindsay & a part are near this a small party of Sotties the number uncertain but are extremely magnified paid a visit to some of the Villagers on the Borders belonging to Pylney Country but did little or no mischief as I have yet heard of but frighten the Village people and in the evening a small party said to be 7 Peons & 5 horse in some pains that were dispersed in some

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of the Villages near this

It is reported that of the party that came into the Village the other morning that the head man who led them got a shot in his forehead of which he did the day before yesterday & 2 Peons were wounded in the Village & 2 were wounded by the Jemedars fire in their return.

The Jemidar that you sent with the Peons to this place is one of the Greedest to be I ever heard to deal with he is almost as bad as the Nizams people for he will oblige no orders but what he thinks proper Hurry Row at Pylney had assisted his name sake here with some Peons a part of them since the attack that morning had been in charge of the Village for two night had no rest all that time & I thought it would be only fair letting the Peons inside the fort take their share of that duty I ordered the Jemidar out & to remain with the same number that had been out before but he was not satisfied with that but we kept 25 more & tho I sent to order them in the word not let them come I had it in intention at the time to have detached a party of Sepoys to Peons to try to look at a party of Wine said to be 100 near this but had information that they were off

If the Major when his guns join send me a party of Sepoys which he has promised to do I think I will be able cut all the on the borders of

borders of Pylney country if I can do nothing else, the Inhabitants of country are part of them in the Villages belonging to Pylney & they came & see as now and then.

{ Very little be expected from the small means at present we have, the inhabitants themselves are afraid to do any thing. The paddy of this Village is all but & in stocks but the Inhabitants will not tread it out to get into the Fort. They do not seem to care much if it is all burnt but I am of openion that a Detachment of a few more sepoys would induce them to begin. I am annoyed every hour with some idle reports or other but every man who brings me any upon enquiry who saw them they had it from another man & that other man had it from a man some where else. I had just now a report by a Bramin that 100 horse & 300 Peons were near this but no one saw them. I told the man who brought the intelligence that I had sent for them & the fellow did not seem to doattit.

Your Jemidar's name here is Shaip Mohumed. He had the impudence to tell me that I shewed great favor on the other Peons. I must confess I never met with so impudent Rascal, let me hear from you soon & when will you come this way and am dear Hurdis yours truly,

(Signed) J. Lemon.

Columbum
May 10th 1799.

11 July 1857

To J. B. Hurdis Esquire
Collector in the Coimbatore

Dear Sir,
On the 8th I understood from Captain Gipp that

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that you are expected at Caroor and addressed myself to you requesting you would on the arrival of the Dindigul & Madura cattle seperate the draft from the carriage & send in to Namcul the latter description.

Mr Hughes informs me he has since dispatched another thousand 500 of these are also carriage cattle and I must request you will immediately in their arrival direct them to follow and to carry with them 2000 of gunny Bags which Mr Hughes has procured for me.

The draft cattle you will dispose of as before in some place convenient for forage and protection till called for.

I am very desirous to hear from you on the subject of the Depots of grain. I have now no doubt of plenty of grain being supplied from Trichinopoly & will immediately begin in the Depot at Caroor. Will you undertake to find grain & carriage for that at Errode from your own resources or shall you require any aid in either from me?

I have written to Madras to know the Quantity implied by a Depot & the time allowed for the undertaking in the mean while I endeavour to furnish 1000 Garce.

If it can be beat into rice the more desirable it saves both time & Expence.

I am &c
(signed) B. T. M.
Resident

Tanjour
11th May 1799

My dear Sir I have the pleasure to enclose you an account of the Gunny Bages Bullocks &c all ready for the

the Curtallum concern as matters at present stand & I hope we shall be able to add 30 or 40 more Bullocks in the cause of six or eight days. This premise will in respect of that Quarter upon a calculated I find that about five sheep per day will answer the Conico-pilly now kills eight, but that is forced meat by this it will amount to 150 P.^s month not excluding one 1st sort in respect of which I shall act as you will kindly pleased to intimate respecting other matters Viz.^t the Butcher &c. I have given the necessary orders to expedite with many thanks for your kindness & liberality. The Peons are not yet considered for their Matchlocks &c.

I am &c.
(signed) Col. Gipps

Caroor
11th May 1799.

Gunny bags in toto	720	Conicopoly's amount of Grain and now at Curtiallum.	
Bullocks	680	Bullocks now there and going from hence	680
		Bandies employed equal to 32 more	32
		Total Bullock load	712
		Rice at Curtullum by Conocopilly's account	
		Bullock Load 3000 or Madras Marcall 18000 upon an average 700 Bullock	
		Load each Trip making little better them four Trips in a R.	

My dear Sir,

I have given your Peons the Matchlock &c. & 40 balls each, being all I have but about 100 which I may some time require for the Poligars.

I am &c.
(signed) C. M. Gipp

12th May 1799.
Whitsday

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T. B. Hurdis Esquire, Tanjore 13 May 1799

Collector Dindigul & Coimbatore.

Dear Sir,

I have made the following calculation on the Price coinage & delivery of grain at Caroor a garce of Rice from Tanjour & Caroor will cost the Company Rs 100.

from Trichinopoly to Caroor 26

from Tanjour to Errode 115

from Trichinopoly to Do 100

If the proposal made by Mr Waddel means (by stating 1 Rupee 3/as 1¼ Rupee for every mircal of 12 Sear, His garce will amount to 142 Pags. Mr Wye's offer at Rs 1¾ per mircal is out of the Quarter. The small quantity offered by Mr Waddle renders the difference in his Price no great consideration & as he will be able to lodge it in Errode probably 11 mircals than we can the advantage gained by the difference in him will be equal to the loss in the Price.

I am therefore of opinion that Mr Waddle's proposal should be accepted for the Rice & if the grain can be purchased at the same rate a Quantity of that should be procured.

Mr Wye offer his grain at 80 Rs the Candy which is equal to 800 Rs per garce is very dear but as you have little prospect of any from your district & as I cannot reckon upon much I think we must not neglect the little that is offered us.

We have to day received accounts of the fall of Sirangapatam and that Tippoo is either killed or taken

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or taken. Tomarrow or today will bring us the official account, & if the intelligence is true & complete, the supplies may not be required we will therefore delay the answer to the Bombay Gentleman.

If the Depot shall be called for after all. The principal part of the grain & carriage must I perceive come from Trichinopoly or Tanjour. I have at command plenty of grain, & only apprehend a difficulty in procuring the means of transporting it, still this can be done to the extent of 1000 garce in six weeks from the present time and that will be as soone as they want it now that they have taken the Sultans Capital, when of course they will find great plenty of every thing.

I am concerned to hear of you indisposition & hope you do not neglect the Bark. I had a little touch of the Fever in January last, but am now quite recovered & bear the hot weather very well.

You give a bad account of Brown's March he could not have joined in time, had the place held out so will ours reached & the [illegible] Tope as long as he lives.

Yours
(signed) B Tom

To Mr. T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir,
Events which have happened since my letter of the 4th Instant, having rendered it necessary to establish Depots at Caroor & Errode to such an extent as you were therein directed, to take measures for doing I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to desire that after having carried into effect such part of your

arrangements

arrangements as may actually have been begun you will desist from any further measures for the accomplishment of that object.

I am further directed to inform you that his Excellency the Commander in chief has been instructed by the Governor General in Council to send a detachment with all practicable expedition for the purpose of taking possession of the districts lying below the Ghauts but as the period at which Lieutenant General Harris may be able to effect this purpose is uncertain. His Lordship is desirous that such immediate means, as may be practicable should be taken by you in concert with the officers commanding the several Forts for bringing those districts under the authority of the Company's Government.

His Lordship further directs me to desire that immediate measures may be taken for securing on account of the Company the whole of the Circar grain which may be found in the several districts which have submitted or may hereafter submit to the Companys arms.

I am &c
(signed) J Webbe
Secy to Govt

Fort St George
13th May 1799

Thomas B. Hurdes Esquire Collector Dindigul

Dear Sir,

The letter you will receive from the Secretary to Government dated the 13th Instant makes it unnecessary for me to say any thing on the subject of the Depots, you will of Course acquaint the Gentlemen, in the

in the Malabar Province their offers cannot be accepted

The Bullock provided for the essential service of the army are still to be retained & kept in readiness on the South Bank of the Covery in a place of safety abounding in forage. The carriage Bullocks originally destined for Darampoory and Shenkeedroog are now to proceed Kistnagherry & Riacottah. Carroor appears to lay so directly in the road from Dindigul to Nameal that I can hardly think the Bullocks have passed by. You will still delay the draught & only forward the Carriage Bullocks if the draught have gone on. They must be returned and to Trichinopoly at once.

Pray request of Captain Gipp to let me know what number he has ready & if they are in good condition & likely to remain so at Carroor.

The success at Serungapatam had been most complete and highly honorable indeed. Not an officer killed nor an act of violence of any sort committed. The treasons are immense & Tippoo's seat found on them untouched.

You will no doubt have Colonel Browns detachment back again & assist you in bringing the remaining districts below the Ghauts under the Company's authority. This you can accomplish without my assistance and I shall be employed in the mean in providing for their wants both in money & provisions.

I am
Benj Torin
Resident

Tanjour
15th May 1799.

To T B Hurdis Collector &c &c Dindigul.

I have the honor to enclose for your information the Copy of a letter I received from the Secretary to Government

Government & to assure you it will afford me infinite plea-sure to forward the public service in concert with you by car-rying his Lordships instructions in to effect as far as the means in my power admit.

I have therefore to request you will favor me with your opinion respecting the strength of the Garrison in Coimbatore and how far Major Lindsay corps is now advanced in that direction.

I should suppose the sooner the attempt may be made the better after the convey fills & arrange-ment accordingly for that purpose without loss of time.

Trichinopoly
11th May 1799.

I have &c.
signed Wm. Kenny
Major & Senior officer
in the 1st Devn.

J. G. Ravenshaw Esquire &c &c

Sir,

Agreeable to your wish I have the pleasure to send for the receipt for the money you dispatched to me on account of Mr. Torin.

May 11th 1799.

I am &c.
(signed) W. Kenny

Received of J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr. an account of Mr. Torin the Resident at Tanjour, the sum of two thousand five hundred star Pagodas 2500

signed W Kenny
Major Commanding
Trichinopoly

J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr. Assistant Collector Dindigul.

I am favored with yours by the bearer accompanying the two thousand nine hundred Bullocks for the services of the Army which I shall forward on accordingly.

Cargor
16th May 1799.

I am &c.
signed E. W. Gepp
Captain Comt.

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Sir,

I have the greatest satisfaction in announcing to you that the Fort of Sheerungapatam was on the 4th Instant carried by assault, the Sultaun himself fell in the attack & the principal part of his family including his Brother Kerim saheb, his two sons formerly hostages & Sultan Moidean the Heir of his dominions became by this event prisoners of   in addition to the above, which I have received Publicly from the Court Governments private letters state that a crose of Pagoda in Cash & the amount of another crose in Jewels has fallen into our possession. It is further necessary to remark that Soubet Row the Dewan of Coimbatore has sent me such propositions as have induced me to proceed to Coimbatore immediately on my arrival at which place I shall have pleasure in again addressing you

On Circuit
Paulghaut
16th May 1799.

I have &c
(Signed) Geo Waddell
Actg Zeem Supert

Camp at Rungham 16th May 1799.

My dear Sir,

I came hither to raise the seige of Rungham I arrived yesterday morning & Assapak late Amuldar of Daraporum & active leader of the Peons in his quarter fired several shot from behind thick hedges in the line & then run off. He was too distant to do any mischief, & his speedy flight secured himself from all harm. I have desired Abdul Kader to retain the 88 peons of Tondaman till he receive further orders from you as you doubtless

Know not

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know not & could not conjecture the state of affairs here when you sent him the order. I have assisted him with some powder & ball & the Daraporum Amuldar who would not trust himself with the Guard I left in the fortified Cutcheree over the grains but came along with the Detachment endeavouring to assist Abdal Kader with rice.

Should you wish any money to be paid here I shall with pleasure, and it to Abdul Kader & receive payment at Dindigul.

Assapah hanged up 5 Goundens 4 days ago for this supposed attachment to their new masters. He has not harged or destroyed the grain shewn &c nor indebted the inferior inhabitants.

All the officers & peons of his different places taken possession of have come westward & ranging themselves under different leaders, traverse, & sometimes plunders the country only 4 men mounted were seen here by me & about 1200 foot report in evard them & rodigiously as usual many reports of the natives about Ser P being taken on the 4th or 5th for a confirmation of which I heart-ly with troops are absolutes requisite & I hoped this to have heard of the march of same.

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Sies.

I am &c
(Signed) A Lindsay

T. B. Hurdis Esqr. Collector of Dindigul.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th by which I suppose the cop[y] of Mr Secretary Webbe's letter to me or senior officer in this division has not been seen by us exactly in the same point of View though if any you again adverting

to it,

to it if may appear necessary for the forming a Detach-
ment to go in some degree through me.

However that he service may not suffer from any misconception of yours or mine If you will state to me what troops are wanted from this Garrison they shall be held in readiness to such an extent as the safety of the place will admit and perhaps by that time the decision of Government may be received.

I have &c
signed W Henry
Major & senior officer
of the division

Trichinopoly
May 18th 1799.

T B Hardis Esquire Collector &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours dated this day respecting the force that can be spared from the Garrison for the purpose therein mentioned according to its present strength & state of the Troops. I shall be enabled to furnish you with the following detail Viz!

Europeans	Sert	Corps	Pri	
	2	2	20	
	Jems	Hav.	Naig	private
Natives	1	2	3	40

under the command of a Subaltern officer I should be happy was I able to furnish a larger detail on this occasions but is not possibly in my power so to do on account of service required from this Garrison.

I have &c
(Signed) E W Gepp
Captain Commanding

Caroor
18 May 1799

T B Hardis Esquire &c &c Dindigul.

Sir I have the honor to inform you that in consequence of your representation of the weak state of Major Lindsay's detachment and the necessity

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of throwing a Garrison into Azeezabad the two companies of Travencore Sepoys now forming part of this Garrison, will march to join him on the 21st Instant via Caroor, that the native officer in charge may receive your instructions by which rout to be proved.

Trichinopoly
May 19th 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) William Kenny
Major & Senior officer
S. Division

T. B. Hurdis Esquire — Dindigul 19th May 1799 ½ past 6 Bw.
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Sir,

I am duly honored with your favor of the 18th Inst & lose not a moment in acquainting you from the Division orders of Lieut Colonel Brown not having been carried into effect fully & that only one instead of the two Companies of His Excellency the Ragah of Travencore troops having yet arrived I am not at present capable of furnishing any force from this Garrison, but will immediately on the arrival of the other company of His Excellency Troops & two non commissioned with 31 Rank file detached on different revenues at the requisition of the assistant Collector be able to spare a force tho not great to assist in carrying the wishes of the Right Honble the Governor General into execution.

I have &ca
(Signed) Chs Trotter —
Captn Commanding

Dear Hurdis,

I am favored with yours of the 15th yes terday & Harry Row has informed me, that you have been blaming him for applying to the Dally Poligar for assistance of Peons I must so far take the blame from him for it was myself who assisted it the Dally mangalam & one other Poligar Vakeel came to pay me a visit & said they were

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sent by you & that you told them to obey me & as I had nothing in view at the time but getting possession of the Hill of Chucly Gersy & anxious for the good of the service, & so long as it is not in our possession little good can be done here. I told them if they would assist me with the Peons to cut off the water from the Hill that they would render a great service they Ham & Ward but promised nothing however a few days after the Dalli Poligar wrote to Harry Row that they were getting Peons ready to send when a Divan of the Tippoo with a party of horse made a demand of them of the assistance of three hundred Peons but he had given for answer he had no Peons to spare since the accounts of Tippoo's fate has got abrod the Dalli man has sent in another Vakeel I again tried him & he had promised me as tomarrow two hundred but in consequence of your letter to Harry Row wrote him I should not have occasion for them as you ought to be the best judge of the propriety of calling for assistance from these people.

As the Hill has always been the harbour of Luckia Naigs People & Garden & a number of other miseriants who have lately plundered the Pylney Country of much cattle & of which I have recovered near 200 head of Cows & Bullocks & a great many sheep & which have been in part of kistord & the remainder is now under a guard until the claims are properly ascertained I have a great anxiety to get possession which is far as I can find out is only to be done by posting Peons & sepoys so as to prevent the will from supply of water of Sepoys I have very few for that purpose it was my intention to have Gere with a bout 50 Sepoys the Dolli men 200 Peons & what Pon I could have mustered belonging to you after leving a few in the Fort with a Guard of Sepoys & I made no doubt in 4 or 5 days they would have given up for

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want of water a number of the fellows who left this are now at Colipoorum Village near the Hill & they have built themselves houses close under the Guns of the Hill they are all under great alarm & if it is merely the drawing them away I could do it but is doing nothing as they will go up the Hill & unless I can get the Hill which the few people I can muster is not by any means sufficient to cut of their getting Wat.

However they must as affairs now stand move off soon & it is hardly worth my giving myself any more trouble about it. Luckia Naig landen & all the plundering robbers are off that I hope for the present we have nothing to fear on that head.

In my humble openion you will have some trouble with the lads in this quarter as there are various claims & Knotty Points to be settled.

I have had more trouble than enough to get any wine from your Bottler at Dindigul I have with much trouble at last one basket just arrived & will thank you to give orders for the remainder.

Major Romney writes me that the communication betwixt Seringapatam & Paulghaut is but off by Coolies. I would not be much surprised at a plundering party of them coming this way & am

My dear Hurdis &c.
(Signed) J Semons

Columbum
May 19th 1799.

Dear Sir,

I have received an Indent from Mr Hughes for 16000 Pagodas for his Garrisons & from Mr Hawkins for 12000 for his Disbursements. Mr Hughes writes that 4000 will be required in June for Dindigul. I beg to know if you will undertake to pay that sum to him at Dindigul

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& on what day & what further aid I may extract from you in the Course of that Month.

I am &c
(Signed) B. Torin.

Tingour
20th May 1799.

~~To T. B. Hurdis Esquire.~~

To Mr T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir. By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of bills for the months of march & April properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the bills transmitted in the Course of those months, with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &c
(Signed) W. G. Wright
Actg Dy Secry

Fort St George
20th May 1799.

Register of Bill for the Month of April 1799.

1799 April	2d	1 Bill by Mr Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General.	9700	"	"	Transferred 30th April 1799
		St Pags	9700	"	"	

Dindigul 1st May 1799
E. E.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) W. G. Wright
Actg Dy Secry

Compd Ram Row Cashkeeper.

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Register of Bills for the Month of March 1799

1799 March 2d	1 Bill by Mr Robt Hughes Paymr of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	5000	Transferred 31st March	
5th	1 Ditto by Ditto on Ditto	2000	..	Do Do
	Star Pagodas	7000	..	

Dindigul 1st April 1799
Errors Excepted &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector.

Exd. Avery

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Wm Wright
Actg Dy Secry

Compd Ram Row Cash Keeper

To T B Hurdis Esquire Collector

Sir, I this day received your letters of the 17th Inst & should most cheerfully add to the strength of Major Lindsay's Detachment for the purpose you mention was it in my power but it would not be advisable to reduce the strength of this Garrison more than has been done already of which Governor General in Council & the officer commanding in the Carnatic are fully apprized. The troops are weakly on duty without relief & I am unable to answer the call of the Collector of the District & furnish the frequent escorts required from this Garrison.

It is to be hoped the complete success above the gauts will enable Major Lindsay to do what is necessary below them.

Tanjour
20th May 1799

I have &c
(Signed) Jas Innes
Major Commg

T. B. Hurdis Esquire &c.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 17th Inst & have the honor to inform you that I have written to Major Innes to let me know with as little delay as possible what troops he can spare from Tanjour, & to hold them in readiness to procede at a moments warning, which will prevent any unnecessary loss of time the company from hence proceed tomorrow & I request you will arrange matters accordingly their number will be near ninety men any other assistance I can give will be extremely happy to exert myself in for the good

I am unacquainted with the strength of the Garrison of Dindigul & will thank you to forward the enclosed to Major Lindsay which will enable him, as far as lays with me to make such arrangement as he deems necessary respecting from that Garrison.

From Madura I am well aware no force can possibly be spared, in its present state, but conceive from your accounts of Coimbatore & Azizebad no opposition will be made, and from the situation of officers above the Ghauts, those can be little to apprehend in the Coimbatore Country particularly as the river is now filling fast.

The sepoys however are very steady well behaved men & their officer very attentive, & will answer every purpose of Garrisoning the two above places assisted by such peons as you can spare for that service.

Trichinopoly
May 20th 1799.

I have &c
(Signed) W. Henry –
Major Comm.g

J. G. Ravenshaw Esquire &c Dindigul.

Sir,

I am favored with yours of the 11th accompanying the 1000 Bullocks which shall be forwarded on to Namcul as soon as possible.

Caroor.
21st May 1799.

I am &c
(Signed) E. Gepp
Capt.n Comg

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To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector &c Caroor.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Inst. requesting me to acquaint you what force could be spared from the Garrison of Ramnad to act in concert with Major Lindsays Detachment for the purpose of bringing the district lying below the Ghauts not yet assumed under the authority of the Companys Government in answer to which I am sorry to inform you that on account of a rebellion lately broke out in this Province the forces stationed here not being sufficient to quell it Mr Collector Lushington has been under the necessity of making a requisition for reinforcement from Madura & Pallamcotta from the latter place Major Bannerman is now on his march hither. Such being the situation of affairs here you will perceive the impossibility of sending troops from hence to join Major Lindsay.

I have &c

(Signed) M. Martin

Ramnad
21st May 1799.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector &c Caroor.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Current addressed to Lieut. Col. Croker requesting to be informed what force will be spared from this Garrison to act with Major Lindsays detachment in reply I have to assure you it is not in my power to furnish a single man having on the 24th of last month, at the requisition of Mr Collector Lushington detached company into the Ramnad Province since which the Garrison guards have not been relieved indeed I have not a man off duty tho' the Guard have been reduced to less than half the usual detail.

I have &c

(Signed) N. M. Smyth
Lieut. Comg
Madura.

Madura
21st May 1799

T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector &c. Dindigul.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that in consequence of a requisition from Major Bunnerman who has marched against the insurgents in the Ramnad District I have been obliged to countermand the orders of march for the Travencoreans to join Major Lindsay & to direct Major Innes to detach such troops as he could spare from Tanjour to reinforce Major Bunnerman.

I have acquainted the Right Honble the Governor General with the steps I have taken & my motives for having done so.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Kenny
Major Copy

Trichinopoly
May 21st 1797.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul District &c.

Sir

Your letter of the 18th Instant was delivered to me yesterday afternoon.

On the same day I received an official Copy of the instructions given you by Government in their letter under date 13th current with orders to take such measures in concert with you as may be judged most conducive to the object of his Lordships instructions.

The business of merely taking possession of the Country appears to me an easy task & to require little addition to the force I have at present, but to take possession & leave proper guards at the principal stations without which the Amuldars Tahsildars &c. whom you may appoint could not act with efficacy, will demand, in my humble opinion a more considerable Detachment.

This country if my information be correct has never been perfectly quiet even under the late Tippoo's

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vigorous Government, and on a charge of masters several new sources of discontent & disturbance are opened the expelled Poligars & Puttagars may expect to be reinstated and the natives who now hold these Heirs will expect to keep them you may find it expedient to set aside several official people who have shown signs of unnecessary hostility and cruelty such as the Puttagar near Kangyem who so lately instigated Modee ali to discover under the sanction of Cowel & to hang five of the Goundens under him and the Bandette who usually infested the Country will have their numbers increased by disbanded horse & foot.

From a comprehensive view of all the Circumstances within my knowledge I am of opinion that in addition to the Detachment a detail of Native Infantry equal to the strength of a complete Bn a 100 Europeans Infantry with their compliment of officers a Troop of a Native Cavalry & a brigade of field Peons will suffice not only to take possession, but also by a proper distribution of that force, to preserve in peace & security the whole of the Country newly got & to be required below the Ghaut.

Of Shackrighery fort as I have only seen it at the distance of several miles & have not seen any plan or heard or read any particular account of it I cannot write with certainity but from the little information I have obtained from the natives who have been up the Hill. I have no doubt its surrendering without resistance or its captured by a less force than that already detailed.

In my recent march to Kaangayem to drive away Modeen alli & his followers from that quarter the

the detachment was found to subsist on the supplies it carried from this & any body of Troops employed in land of this or that place or stationed there will have to drive its supplies of provision from the Collector or commissary at Kangyem till a proper detail of "regulars be stationed them to strengthen the new Government no effectual collections can be made circumstances did & do not admit of my furnishing the detail requisite the natives that can be furnished from Caroor might be very usefully employed at Kangayem for the present.

This being a central position to protect the Posts mentioned by Lieut Colonel Brown in his written orders to me & the preservation of the Detachment being of the utmost service to your Amuldars here I shall continue in this vicinity unless called away by unexpected trouble till I learn what force is to be furnished & how it is to be employed. Could you find it to be convenient to come hither it might promote the service as we could better confer & concert personally than by letter on the measures first & best to be taken.

Major Romney informs me by letter dated the 16th Inst from Paulghaut, we send a party to Coimbatore tomorrow the Sultauns people having proposed to delivery of that station.

I have &c

Camp near Daraporum
21st May 1799

Signed A Lindsay
Major Comg Detacht field service

My dear Friend

Barkes being sick & having none but a drunken rascal to assist him who does more harm than good & has only thrown things into disorder. Besides some business I wish to conclude myself you must kindly excuse my not coming down this evening.

21st Afternoon

Yours &c
(Signed) Edwd McGipp

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PS Received of T B Hurdis Esquire an account of the Prize agents belonging to the Southern Detachment the Sum of Rs 107 one hundred and seven Rupees for the same number of matchlocks purchased by him out of store at this place.

Caroor 21st May 1799.

(signed) Edwd W. Gepp
Captn Comg

Camp near Daraparam 21st May 1799

My dear Sir,

My public letter contains every thing that suggested itself to me on the business in hand.

Though I have no concern & do not pretend to be a competent judge of the abilities of the persons you employ yet Abdalcaders ascent conduct as learned from himself & others, shews him to be alike destitute of fore sight & fortitude I beg your pardon for this liberty but think it of importance to mention his behaviour.

Any detail of europeans furnished unless proper rolls and abstracts doolies & dooly bearers &c be sent with them, will occasion much inconvenience as I experience from the small detail of hastily supplied.

Mr Hughes has no person in Camp to superintend the Departments that be lay to him. In the case of an European falling with I have no means carrying but on the shoulder of sepoys. My native hels are in like but can be left whatever them is a Gd.

The strong reinforcement I sent Captn Simons the Sivement Lt Holgoine has enabled him to give the necessary assistance to your Tahsildar who is active in his employ.

The letter of Govt. to you mention his Lordships orders to General B. to send with all practicable expedition

expedition a Detachment to take possession of the Country below the ghaut no regular can be troop of Captn. Montgy. may be given their presence in their Course by would I conceive have a considerable & good effect. The weather is so boisterous that it blows down & trains tends to pieces. I am now repairing them & the tumbrels whiles as will as present means allow I had in pleasure to write you from Kanghem where I left all matters set to right as well as they can be righted without a strong guard of Sepoys why the men that may be with supplied officers (Eurp.) are highly necessary.

The want of them is much felt by me. Every Detachment should be mounded by one if possible.

I am &c.
(Signed) A Lindsay

Camp near Darapouram 13th May 1797.

My dear Sir,

I was yesterday favoured with your letter of the 20th. The 2 C^os. of Travancore Troops as would any other 2 C^os. lose part of their Value by being without European officers the more especially as they come to a quarter where the of officers is so very great.

The 2 C^os. might take the duty of Azeemabad, Yerracottah, Pylney & Columbum & thereby enable me to draw together the men of 1st Battalian 4th Rt. scattered about at these stations.

Captain Simmons could draw for & pay the men passed at Columbum & Pylney of Captn. Gepp the officer to Azeemabad might draw for and pay the men at that place & Yerracottah given the making out of the abstract & distributing of the independent of the other duties & attentions of officers becomes a matter of same difficulty to effect owing to entrence scarcity

scarcity of European officers at platoons of European Inf.y with dulies & tents & complete would prove useful in report and in action

In this writing about other corps as in lately giving my opinion of the force I thought necessary to take possession of and preserve in peace & orders the country below the Ghaut I am a mere Volunteer, because Govt in their letter consider me as the senior & Comd. officer at Dindi-gul & their orders have reference only to the force I can spare from that Garrison. For ones to take command of the different details furnished is not mentioned nor can be inferred from any part of Govt letter to you or to me. Majors Sterney or Innes might take the field with the details furnished by them with as much propriety as I can do Col. Browns,   to me respecting only my situ-ation as Comd. of Infantry 14th Regiment.

I am fully sensible that the juncture requires every means & that the want of orders should not prevent an officer from acting for the evident be-nefit of the service & stated the above circumstances merely to shew you the awkwardness of   from dif-ferent accounts received the hill Fort of Shuckra-gherry must surrender as soon as their supply of water from the river which is cut off.

My Detachment exclusive of the Arty is not quite equal to the strength of 2½ Companies of Sepoys & of their strength a strong party is in readiness to proceed for Errode to it cart cattle & grain collected by your Amuldar.

I have no recent news from Paulghaut & have not heard since I had pleasure of last writing you.

you may think about the Peons and their mounted leaders

I am &c
(Signed) A Lindsay

T B Hurdis Esquire &c

Sir

I am favored with yours requiring a Jamedars party to be sent from hence for the purpose of garrisoning Kangayem which shall be done and it will depart at 4 o'Clock this afternoon with the necessary orders it will consist

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Caroor
23d May 1799

I have &c
(Signed) C M Goff
Captain

To Mr T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

The Right Honble the Governor General in Council being desirous of introducing a permanent and extensive system of Police throught the Company's possessions under this Presidency, the Board direct me in conformity to his Lordships orders to desire that you will prepare with every practicable degree of expedition a report which is to contain the most minute and exact detail of the existing system of Police now in force in your several districts

To this report you are to add such ideas as may be suggested by a serious examination of the subject such remarks as may arise from your general and particular knowledge of the systems which have been established under the asiatic Governments and such improvements as a more extended application of the cases & usages of Europe may enable you to propose with the view of enabling the Governor General in Council to adopt such an enlarged system of Police as may form one of the foundations of the British Government in India.

Fort St George
23d May 1799.

I am &c
(Signed) J B Travers
Secretary

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To T B Hurdis Esquire Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I request to be furnished with a statement of your surplus Cash at the expiration of this Month and with the probable amount of it in every succeeding Month of the present Fusly

Mr Hughes informs me you have hitherto been able to provide for the military Paymaster of Dindigul & by the first of the Month as regularly as they became due. I hope you will be able to provide for the next Payment by the 1st June & beg to hear from you upon the subject by return of Tappal.

Tanjour
24th May 1799

I have &c
(signed) B Torin
Resident

Camp near Varaporum 24th May 1799

My dear Sir

Your favor of the 22d is this moment received 10 A.M.

I have the pleasure to write you from Kangayem & this place. My former letter mentioned what force in my opinion was requisite to take possession of and keep the country in quiet.

My Detachment exclusive of the Arty is not quite equal to the strength of 2½ Company's of Sepoys.

It is vexatious to find the expected supplies snatched away, & their services required elsewhere for so unpleasant a business as the quelling of domestic insurgency.

At same time with your letter I received one from Major Romney, in which he does not mention a word about furnishing any supply of troops.

Tho M.R. should leave Coimbatore it is unaccountable to me why such prys should be withdrawn rather than to keep them to prevent the mis-

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chief apprehended.

Could you send some trained peons here they with the peons already here and a Havildar a Naigue and 16 Sepoys might for a while guard this quarter, and enable me to march to Thuckraghery and take such measures as on viewing the place might be thought best. I do not think that any Summons would be attended to till the Detachment is at the foot of the hill. I could accomplish the Thuckraghery business whilest you are settling at Arravarcoorchy (which I mistook and called in my last letter Azeemabad. Its other Vizianunga-lum) Kangayem or here I imagine, if they failed to Surrender on Summons that in a weeks time we should, by reducing them to a total want of water or by mere [illegible] get possession. A Guard left Daraporum this morning with money to pay the and Art^y Sepoys as also those composing your Guard. I thank you for the news paper which when read by me and the Gentlemen with me shall be returned in next letter.

I am &c.
(signed) A. Lindsay.

P.S. As the most expeditious conveyance I take the liberty of sending a letter for Major Kenny I request you will direct to be forwarded by the Careor tapals.

T. B. Hurdis Esquire &c.

Sir

I was favored with yours of the 18th Yesterday morning the principal object of which you will have been already made acquainted with was carried into effect on the 19th current. Mr. Waddle who went thither to proclaim the Company's Government has been recalled by the commissioners of the Malabar but there remains in possession of the place a Subaltern and 60 rank & file with about 200 friendly Poligars.

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With respect to a further cooperation with your plan it will be in my power to spare if necessary 200 men besides the Detachment at Coimbatore but they will be principally Travencore Sepoys.

The report that was communicated to you of our having taken possession of the Pettah at Coimbatore arose I imagine from my having advanced a Detachment of 1 Captn 2 Subalterns & 260 men with one 6 pounder to a Choultry within the boundaries of the late Sultans Country immediately on receiving a letter from Col. Brown of the 11th April with a view of being in readiness to act without loss of time in whatever way might be proposed but having informed the Commissioners and commanding officer of the Malabar of the step I had taken those efforts were discountenanced. I therefore withdrew a part of the Detachment leaving only 150 men there for the protection of numbers of families that were taking refuge with us from the depredations of the scattered parties of the enemy.

The establishment of regular tappals between the and Daraporum may I think be easily effected I shall make the necessary enquiries & give you the earliest information on this head. But as Mr Maddle who is the Post master of the Province is here perhaps he may be inclined to continue his establishment of tappals till they meet yours if not I will effect the business agreeable to your plan.

The report of the Madras troops being at Danaikancottah is not yet confirmed.

I have &c
(Signed) Jas Romney.
Major Comdg

Paulghaut
25th May 1799

Dear Mr Hardis

Your letter arrived about 10 O'Clock A. M. and were immediately dispatched for Mr Webbe one express to Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly the other Do. to Kistnagherry Captn. Maibeds by Erode, your Bullocks (500) are arrived & I shall have them mustered marked & the Carriages are sent off to Namcul as speedily as possible. I am very much obliged to you for the paper. I am sending her love to you and I remain with every good wish.

Your much obliged
& very obt. Servant.

Caroor
25th. May 11 Clock

(Signed) Echl. Geff

P.S. The Bullocks arrived about 2 Clock. I shall send off the Register and muster roll to Mr. Torin same as I did those before mentioned here.

To J G Ravenshaw Esquire Assistant Collector Dindigul.

Mr. Torin having desired me to apprise you of the Bullocks which I might dispatch by the way of Dindigul. I have the pleasure to acquaint you that a thousand left Madura a day or two ago to proceed from Dindigul to such place as they may be directed to.

I have &c
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Actg. Paymaster.

Madura
21st. May 1799.

To J G Ravenshaw Esquire Assistant Collector Dindigul.

Sir, I have the pleasure to enclose you a List of Bills on the Military Paymaster General for the sum of Star Pagodas 6920-11-34 the amount of Mr. Hurdis advances for his contribution of Dr. & Car. Cattle for the Army.

In a few days 1011 Bullocks will arrive at Dindigul from Madura. You are requested to send them to Trichinopoly if you apprehend any difficulty in providing them with Forage at Dindigul for a few days, until the order of Government arrive for their future destination.

I am &c
(Signed) Benj. Torin
Resident.

Tanjour
27th. May 1799.

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Dear Sir,

By a letter received this morning from Virdunda Row a Gomastah in this Division Cutcheree (S P 7 his pay per mensem) I understand he has engaged himself to you as the Tasuldar of Conguim he had only my permission to be absent 11 days in some private business at Ellipalium. It is now 15 days since he went away & instead of his personal appearance he sent a letter mentioning his new appointment under you. Captain Munro having given me the most positive injunctions not to discharge any Cutcheree servant without his sanction I have to request that you will be so good to release him from his engagement with you and send him a prisoner to me under a Guard of Peons or Sepoys he is a tall man about 31 years of age & rather light coloured if you should require a person to identify his person I will send one to you. The enclosed is the letter received from him.

I am &c
(Signed) William Marriott

Dear Mr Hardis,

I am favored with yours of 27th it came just in time to stop my sending of the Muster rolls & Register to Mr Jarin which by the bye I must have sent off incomplete. Tho I was thinking to write to you first concerning them as your man could give me no kind of amount relative to the advances &c however the mode you have adopted will rectify the business as he said that all the amount were taken at Dindigul and that the Bullocks were mustered there but not marked they have been mustered and marked here and left this at 6 o'clock this morning for Tanneul I have also sent off all the draft

Bullocks

Bullocks to Trichinopoly amongst which are those from Dindigul tizt those which arrived on the 15th (370) and of the (36) total 406 under charge of Rungapah naique Mastrie of draught Bullocks

You will perceive by this that your letter came too late for me to enquiry relative to the dues to Vadaghem Ramanyee who I suppose to be the Mastrie which came with the last drove and set off this morning for Namcul if so he told me he had no accounts at all of any kind which is the cause of sending you the Register rolls complete.

The business between the Pariars and the Village handicrafts men have again onward and it seems that yesterday another frias happened the ceremoney has again been stoped and some heads were broken on the occasion The head Periaman has absconded and it seems now says that what he gave under his signature was forced from him as soon as I had knowledge of this affair &c Yesterday morning I offered the Amuldar all the assistance he might require and sent a Tom Tom round the Fort to warn the people belonging to the Garrison to forbear any interference with the Village. I also issued a Garrison order on the occasion however a Bullock and two rascals related to my own servants had the audacity to go with Hairs into the Village and join the people for which I have given them punishment The Amuldar seems to think that the head perias is gone to get others to join and fears that it may be necessary for the sepoys to use their arms in a serious manner he however writes you all circumstances relative to this affairs and the matter is suspended till he gets your answer. I find they are trying to get the people (Pariars)

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out of the Fort to go and join them but I hope I have put a stop to any thing of that nature occuring and I certainly will most severely punish all that may be found interfering with this business in any I hope and which they have had sufficient warning It would have been better had the Amildar informed of me before the ceremony was to take place that some effectual measures might have been adopted to prevent what has occured. I wait your answer to him with some impatience.

I have sent your letters to the Tappal. your Troop of horses are not yet come I believe. The man says that about 30 Buffalo Bandies can be procured from Trichinopoly at 7 P. per Month or half more than as Company's price, but I do not think they would be of any good, for it will be very slow work with them if any rain fails which we have great reason to expect we had a smart shower night which has greatly refused as the prior days were most intollerably hot. The Doctor has got a smart touch of the Rheumatism. The Curtiallum grain is coming on very well. You make a long stay at Aravacourchee. We have no news here I shall therefore conclude

Caroor
28th May 1799.

Remaining your much obliged & very obt. servant
(Signed) E. H. Gepp

My dear Sir,

As there are 1900 of the Bullocks sent by Mr. Ravens haw from Dindigul, and Mr. Torin only mentions 1400 as his which they call the Madura Bullocks by way of distinction and from which I shall stop 500 Dr. Bcks.

The other as I conceive coming from you & Mr. R. not saying any thing on the subject of Dr. Bcks

if it is.

if it is your intention to have these Draught Bullocks stopped also as Mr R says to send all on.

Your &c.

(Signed) C W Gepp

P.S. I want to insert the particular number in mine

J. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul

When I wrote you on the — I had not at that time received an answer from Major Lindsay, to whom I had written at the request of Mr Webbe to learn what force the Major thought necessary to bring the Districts of Cumbelore & Tallimany. Come under an Authority. The answer came at last & such an one as I never before received from any man in a public capacity. It left me no choice I was obliged to send it to Mr Webbe and to lay upon my own. I perceive by the General order of today Major Lindsay is removed from his command.

As Government sent me a copy of their letter to you & directed me to cooperate with you in this business I naturally feel desirous to know what steps have been taken & if I can in any degree assist you. At the same time I conceive the expected return of Col. Brown to the Coimbatore & the insurrection in the Ramnad — which has called away a part of the Troops we reckoned upon, will make it prudent to postpone any thing in the way of hostility should hostility be necessary to the subjugation of the places — I believe you addressed a letter to Major Innes upon the subject. I beg to know what answer he returned to you.

As soon as you receive any accounts of Colonel Brown's return to us I beg I may hear from you if I am first favored with a letter you shall be

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apprised of it. Our success has been so complete at Se-
ringapatam that all further opposition is out of the
question & I earnestly hope Col. Brown will meet with
nothing to detain him, but be able to continue his
march to the city of Lushington.

Captain Gepp has sent me the Bullocks
Peoples receipts for 600 & odd Rupees which you were good
enough to advance them & for which he writes me
he has granted his receipt to you. Will it not be better
for you to send him back his Receipt & to accept
my Bills in lieu of it. Ravenshaw I think writes me
that he has made over 500 more Bullocks. This will
open a new acct. with us & to which the Rupees may be
added.

I believe Lord M. has left Madras for
Seringapatam. The Civilians I hear are much an-
noyed at the military appointments in the Revenue
line. They have little to fear I think from Col. Read
who has not in five years been able to make a satis-
factory report of the Bara Mahl. The evil will
soon work its own remedy, & at present perhaps is not
to be corrected. I dare say all will end well. I hope
they are recovered.

Yours truly
B. Torin
Resident

1st June 1799.

To Mr. T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

(Circ)ular)

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to transmit you
copy of a letter from the Secretary to Government with its
enclosures dated 25th Ultimo and to desire your most particu-
lar attention to the orders contained therein. The certificates
for Travellers shall be forwarded to you as soon as received.

Fort St George
3d June 1799.

Signed J. Smith
W. G. Wright
Actg Secy

To William Peter Esquire President &c. Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

The Right Honble. the Governor General in Council having deemed it expedient to take immediate and effectual measures to prevent the entrance of foreign europeans into the Company's territories under this Presidency, as well as to restrain their moving through the Country without proper passports, directs me to enclose, for your information, a Copy of the Regulations established for this purpose at the different Sea Ports, of his Lordship's orders in consequence to the Master attendant, and of a proclamation now published by his Lordship's authority.

I am accordingly directed to desire, that the several officers under your authority may be instructed to carry the spirit and intention of this measure into effect with the utmost degree of vigilance, attention, and decision, and warned at the same time, that any person, who shall be found to neglect any part of this duty, or to connive at the evasion of these orders, will incur the most serious displeasure of the Governor General in Council.

You will be furnished on application at the Secretary's office with a sufficient number of printed passports, which are to be filled up and completed by the several Collectors for the use of Travellers.

The Collectors are to be cautioned against any unnecessary delay or difficulty in the issue of passports upon all proper occasions, but they are to observe the most exact regularity in requiring the production of a regular passport from the last Collector or Commanding Officer, as the case shall happen, and when

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the traveller shall be prosecuting a distant Journey, the Collector shall cancel the passport, which shall be produced, and shall issue a fresh passport, in order that the authority, under which travellers are to pass through the Company's territories may be more readily recognized.

All persons who shall be discovered without authentic passports, are to be taken up, and put under restraint until their case can be represented to the Presidency.

I have the honor &c.

Fort St George
25th May 1799

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. G. Wright.
Acty Dy Secry

Regulation for preventing Foreigners of every discription from landing at this Presidency and its Dependencies without permission from the Government.

1st That no person whatever shall be permitted to disembark from any foreign Vessel, until such Vessel shall have been inspected by the proper officer, and regular permission in consequence obtained.

2d That for this purpose official notice (according to the annexed form) under the signature of the Secretary to the Government, be dispatched to all foreign Vessels on their approach to these Roads, informing the Commanders of the foreign resolution, and requiring him to prepare lists of his passengers, and ship's Company, for delivery to the inspecting Officer; which Lists, shall if required, be authenticated by the affidavit of the Commander, and senior officer of each Vessel respectively.

Form.

Sir,

You are hereby informed of the resolution of the Governor in Council, that no person will be permitted

-led to land from your Vessel until she shall have been duly inspected by an officer appointed for the purpose you are therefore to prepare a Muster roll of your ships Company, and of the Passengers on Board, which Muster roll under the signature of Yourself, and of your Chief officer shall be delivered to the inspecting officer, and shall, if required be attested on oath before a magistrate.

The inspecting officer is authorized to examine your crew, and Passengers according to the Roll, which is to contain the names of each person on Board the time of their Entry, the time & place of their embark-ing, their Country, and the station or Character of each person on Board to this Roll you are to add the names of all places at which your Vessel may have touched during the Voyage.

Until you shall have complied with this order you will not be permitted to have communi-cation with the shore; and upon your landing you are to pay strict obedience to the printed Regulations which you will find at the office of the Master attendant, on failure of which, your ship will not be admitted to an Entry at any British Port in India.

3rd That no communication shall be allowed to take place, except by means of a Catamaran, between any foreign Vessel and the shore, until the inspecting officer shall have visited the Vessel, and shall have made his report to the Master attendant.

4th That upon the approach of a foreign Vessel, the inspecting officer shall proceed on Board her, and shall examine and muster the Passengers and crew

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according to the Lists which will have been prepared under the signature of the Commander, and that of his senior officer.

5 That if the inspecting officer shall observe any person or persons of a suspicious Character on Board, he shall station a Guard Boat alongside of the importing Vessel; with positive orders to prevent the disembarkation of any person whatever until he shall have made his report to the Master attendant.

6th That the Master attendant upon receiving the report of the inspecting officer shall, if the report be satisfactory to him, permit the necessary communication with the importing Vessel, but if he shall have cause to suspect that improper persons may be on Board, and in all cases without exception in which the inspecting officer shall have stationed a Guard Boat, the Master attendant shall make a report to the Secretary to the Government.

7th That for the effectual Execution of these Regulations, the Master attendant shall take such measures as may be necessary in his Department to prevent the departure of Massula Boats from the shore, for the purpose of Communication with foreign ships until they have been visited by the inspecting officer.

8th That for the purpose of restraining the dubashes who frequent the Sea Beach, the Master attendant shall have power to inflict immediate corporal punishment, and in cases of flagrant violation of these Regulations, he shall make a report to the Secretary to the Government.

9th That after the foregoing forms shall have

have been observed no person whatever shall be suffered to land from a foreign Vessel, without permission from the Master attendant, to whom the Commanders of all Vessels shall be answerable for the conduct of such of their crews and Passengers, as may be permitted to land during their residence on shore, and for their re-embarkation whenever it shall be judged necessary.

10th. That for this purpose the Master attendant shall keep a Book of entry and shall make occasional inquiry, as he may judge proper, for such persons as may have been permitted to land.

11th. That, if in consequence of these inquiries, or from any other cause, he shall have reason to suspect persons, so landed, of improper intentions, the Master attendant shall make immediate application to the sitting Magistrate, or to the Town Major, for the apprehension of them.

12th. That no ships whatever (his Majesty's Ships of war excepted) shall send Boats on Board any foreign importing Vessel until she shall have been regularly inspected and the Master Attendant is, in the first instance, to employ his Guard Boats, if necessary, to prevent such communications and to make a particular report to the Secretary to Government of the conduct of any person who may infringe this Regulation.

13th. That no Commander of a foreign Vessel shall receive, or permit to be received on board his ship, any person from the shore (not being one of his own crew or passengers) without a written permit from the office of the Master Attendant.

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14th That when any foreign Vessel shall be about to depart from the Roads, the inspecting officer shall previous to the Embarkation of the Commander, repair on Board the said ship, and shall muster, and examine the crews, and Passengers according to the Lists furnished upon the first importation of the Vessel, to such casualties as may have been reported or to such changes as may have been authorized during the continuance of the Vessel in these Roads.

15th That in cases which shall appear to require it, the inspecting officer shall search any foreign ships, under suspicious circumstances & upon all occasions, after his inspection shall have been completed, shall station a guard boat alongside every foreign Vessel, to prevent communication with the shore, until she may sail.

16th As soon as the Master Attendant shall have been satisfied by the report of the inspecting officer, that these Regulations have been complied with, he shall furnish the Commander with a Port clearance containing a certificate for that purpose, and shall take such precautions in the detail of his Department, as may be necessary for preventing improper communications with foreign Vessels, after the Commanders shall have been permitted to embark.

17th That, in all occasions, in which the commanders of foreign Vessels shall not have complied with these Regulations, the Master Attendant shall positively withhold his Port clearance, and shall make an immediate report, in order that in-

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formation may be transmitted to the place to which the Vessel in question may be bound

18th That for the purpose of effectually en-forcing the tenor and intention of these Regulations, no foreign Vessel whatever shall be admitted to an Entry unless the Commander of her shall, upon his first arrival at any port within the Company's Domi-nions in India, have complied with the forms hereby established, and unless upon his departure from the place of this first importation, he shall have obtained the Port clearance and certificate hereby prescribed.

Fort St George 25th May 1799.

By order of the Right Honorable the
Governor General in Council

(Signed) Josiah Webbe
Secretary to Government.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Alexr Falconer
Sub Secretary.

(A true Copy)
Signed W. G. Wright
Actg Dy Secry

To Mr George Saswell Master Attendant.

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council deeming it of the greatest importance that the entrance of foreigners into the Company's dominions should be effectually prevented has passed certain re-gulations for that purpose as far as respects their arrival by Sea.

The execution of these Regulations his Lordship entrusts to you, I enclose accordingly a copy of them for your information and am directed to de-sire that you will pay the most minute and punc-

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-tual attention to the discharge of this duty to which the Governor General in Council attaches a great de-gree of political importance.

His Lordship having fixed the first of June for the commencement of these Regulations de-sires that you will lose no time in making such pre-paratory arrangement as may enable you, to comply with his orders, and directs that you .. . submit to his consideration, such an establishment of Guard boats with their crews and Guards as may be necessary for carrying the Regulations into effect, at the different Ports under the Authority of this Government.

His Lordship deems it expedient that the crews and Guards should be formed into a fixed and seperate Establishment under your immediate Command.

In addition to the positive Regulations laid down for your observance I am directed to de-sire that you will be guided by the General spirit and intention of this measure and that you will .. from time to time suggest such additions, as may in your judgement, tend to give it force and effect.

The Masters attendant at the subordi-nate Ports are to correspond with you immediately upon this subject, and as the success of the arrangement dependes upon the degree of zeal and energy with which it shall be executed, His Lordship at the same time that he directs me to express his reliance on your pru-dence and activity exhorts you to preserve the ut-most degree of vigilance throughout the .. .

Department

Department
Fort St George
25th May 1797

I am &c
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

(A true Copy)
(Signed) A. Falconar
Sub Secy

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. G. Wright
Actg Dy Secy

Government Advertisement.

Notice is hereby given that from and after the first day of July next no European person of whatever rank, discription or Country, will be permitted to travel through the Company's Dominions subject to this Presidency, unless he shall be regularly furnished with passports for that purpose.

The only exception which the Right Honble the Governor General in Council has been pleased to make to the foregoing resolution, is in favor of officers Commanding parties of his Majesty's or the Honorable Company's Troops.

All persons about to travel, are accordingly required to take out a passport from the Collector of the District in which they may reside, or in places where there may be no Collector from the Commanding officer of the nearest Garrison which certificate or passport shall be produced to the next Collector or Commanding Officer who are authorized to cancel it if necessary and to issue a fresh passport.

And European persons of all discription are hereby warned that whoever shall be found travelling without a passport will be taken up and confined, until a report of his case can be made to the Presidency.

Notice is hereby further given that a reward

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of Ten Pagodas will be paid to any person who shall take up, and bring in to the nearest Garrison, any European Deserter or Vagrant of any description.

Fort St George 25 May 1799

Published by order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council.

(Signed) A. Falconar
Sub Secretary

(A true Copy)
(Signed) A Falconar
Sub Secretary

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W G Wright
Asst Depy Secry

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire Collector of the District of Dindigul Darapoorum &ca

Sir,

I have been favored with yours of the 1st Instant and beg leave to acquaint you, that I know not the amount charge of the Provisions and have never received any account of their cost either from the Military Board passed by them, or an account from yourself certified by the officer Commanding according to the Regulations, that the Prices charged are the lowest, and most reasonable terms. Whenever you favor me with any account of their cost, I shall immediately forward it to the military Board requesting that they will, with all the dispatch possible, permit me to carry the sum to the debit of the Paymaster General, and pass my Bills to you for the amount.

Madura
4th June 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

T B Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul.

Sir,

Arnatchellum a man well known at and about Dindigul who acted as Vakeel to my Battn deserted on the night of the 25th past and arrived off

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with him the pay of the Bamboo Coolies amounting to eighty five Pagodas and a part of the Lascars pay & Buttah about sixty I have certain information that he went down the Guzaratte pass and took the route of Auttum, where he will be found, and I hope, Sir, that you will employ people to secure the Villian.

I have the honor to remain with much esteem &c. &c. &c.

Seringapatam
June 5th 1799

(Signed) J Oliver St Cla.
Comm.g 2d B.n 3d Regt.

P.S. Sepoy Parasaram Sing's crime against Shaik Lahmaun invalid.

Havildar stationed at Nellacotta.

For allowing Nellagarmen and Verapen two prisoners under his charge to make their escape on the 1st June 1799.

The same crime against Parasaram Sing invalid Sepoy on duty when the prisoners escape from the Guard.

To J. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul.

Sir,

Inclosed I have the honor to forward you the Poligar of Pylney's receipt for Star Pagodas 30.

Trichinopoly
11th June 1799.

Your obedient Servant.
(Signed) Fras Ames Smith
First Adjutant.

J. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector &c.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 29th Ultimo some days since to what I would have replies sooner only that I expected you here before this and did not know when to send to you. Your information from the Tahsildar of Errode "that I had given him orders to measure the Grain & Gram, he is laying in, by the Company's mar-cals the latter part of his assertion is perfectly false he never received any order whatsoever from me about your Grain as you told me

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That it was a private concern. The Circar Paddy I had no account whatsoever of it although you mentioned I should and likewise have a regular account of what come to the Fort duty, which was not also attended to, nor any orders you gave to the Tahsildar so far as it regarded to me with respect to the quantity beat out into rice am yet in the dark about all I can account for is Eight thousand one hundred Madras marcals (8100) which was measured by my order before a Committee of officers who neither could hurt the quality or diminish the quantity by using a different marcal, consequently the calculation you made between those measures will still hold good. I do assure you I would have saved myself the trouble had I thought it necessary. I can not really pretend to be a clear judge of the intricate jumbled together Departments thrown on my hands at the same time it strikes me very forcibly that a regular account of every individual article that I am responsible for should be furnished me if I am wrong in this opinion it remains to be further explained all I can say that my Situation is examined and vexations for I find the more I am inclined is to forward the service & execute the duties of others the further from giving Satisfaction but lost long it cannot, I long foreseen what I had to expect in this important command which was crammed upon me unaccountably

The Tahsildar you mentioned for Parundara I sent him there with a requisite Guard to establish his Cutcherry the moment an opportunity occured. The Tahsildar sent to Andeyoor returned a Guard which was sent with him. Col.^d Read sent Tahsildar to that place 20 days ago, Awildar Peons &c in the Sattamungalum Country I frequently sent a Tahsildar's

Guard.

Guard out in that direction to suppress them and to give support to those that were well disposed to our Government and several respectable inhabitants applied to me for Cowl which I granted so far as affording and giving security to their property until the Country was placed under Managers a man who was formerly head Canicopoly of Erode his name Tiroomalapilly employed was on this occasion as an intelligent man and so far as his conduct appeared to me, he did not interfere beyond the directions which I thought would turn out a recommendation to him it seems he is called to for this as he says at the instigation of the Tahsildar of this place whose conduct in his situation to other Gentlemen as well as to myself is beyond description insolent. I give you this intimation that you may check him and render it unnecessary to carry the complaint further

11 June 1799
Erode

I have &c
(Signed) M. Macgregor
Capt. Comg.

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir, I herewith enclose an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 8th June 1799.

Fort St George
12th June 1799

I am &c
George Read
A B R

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit
Dated 8th June 1799.

Dindigul.

Mr. Hurdis's Account Current for April 1798	Read
Charges Extraordinary Pags. 11 5 75	Not admitted the authority wanting
Do. for May	Read and passed.
Do. for June	Read
Pags. 166 4 50	The Collector will state

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his reasons for debiting this amount to complete the Inhabitants settlement he will recollect the regulations prescribe that no new head is to be raised in his account current without the sanction of the accountant.

Do for 11th July .... Read.

The accountant reports that he struck out the amount of Pagodas 14,008-5-21 which appears on the debit and credit of this account Current as he was not aware of the necessity of the entries.

Do for 31st July .... Read & passed.

Account current for August .... Read & passed.
The Collector will state whether in the account Particulars of Repairs of Tanks at the foot of the advances for cultivation, the amount authorized by the Board.

Do for September	Read & passed.
Do for October	Do & Do
Ditto for November	Ditto & Ditto
Ditto for December	Ditto & Ditto
Ditto for January	Ditto & Ditto
Ditto for February	Ditto & Ditto
Ditto for March	Ditto & Ditto

Batta & Extra allowance .... The Collector should have procured the ammunition from the Stores. The Board hope it will soon be in the Collector's power to make a considerable reduction in the Sibbendy Charges.

Ditto for April .... Read & passed.

Demand Collection & Balance for 30th April

Current Revenue 1218
Balance P. 3407 .... The Board have much satisfaction in observing the Current Revenue so regularly realized notwithstanding the difficulties arising from an adverse season, and record their entire approbation of the Collector's zeal and exertions.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) T. L. Ware
for A. G. R.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Dear Sir

I was today favored with your letter of the 10th June.

I fear some accident must have happened to your letter you mention to have sent to me from Aravacourchy on the 27th Ultimo. I do not remember to have received any thing of the kind from you. From Captn Geppe I received the Bullock Maistry receipts for 120 Pondy Rupees and from Mr Ravenshaw I have received 2 Register amounting to 1920. 11. 34 & for which I have granted Bills in your favor on the Military Paymaster General dated the 27th May & transmitted them to Dindigul.

But I have not received the 3d Register & I delayed giving you Bills for the Rupees 120 till I should receive it. that the whole might be formed in one Sum. Today is the first Account I ever received of the Price of the Gunnies. Do me the favor to order a duplicate of the 3d Regr. to be sent to me when you shall be furnished with the Bills in return.

My reason for requesting to know Major Innes' answer was from hearing the subsequent to your application sent to the southward a Detachment of 12 Europeans & 100 Sepoys under an European officer, after the reasons he had given you his conduct is inconsistent and if I had been active in the undertaking, I should have laid the case before Government. it is for you to do as you please in it, but it is a shameful evasion and derivation of his public duty.

I have written the Colonel to congratulate

ratulate him in his return. Pray make my kind salams to him.

Yours very truly

16th June 1799. (Signed) B. Torin

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

I have just received an application from Mr Pay. Hughes for the sum of 4500 Star Pagodas for his disbursements in the Month of July I request to know if the state of your Collections will furnish this sum by the first of the Month or in time for the regular Payments to the Garrison.

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17th June 1799.

I have &c
(Signed) Benj Torin
Resident.

To Mr T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of Bills for the Month of May properly authenticated, which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the Course of that Month, with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

Fort St George
25th June 1799.

I am &c
(Signed) W. G. Wright
Asst Dy Secy

Register of Bill for the Month of May 1799

			St Pags	Fa	Cash	
1799 May	5th	1 Bill by Mr R Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	4000	..	..	Received
		St Pagodas	4000	..	..	

Dindigul 1st June 1799

Errors Excepted for

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) W. G. Wright
Asst Dy Secy

To Mr. Thos. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Circular

Sir,

I have the directions of the Board to desire that you transmit a seperate paper of remarks to accompany the demand Collection and Balances on the 12th July 1799 or close of the present Fasly wherein you will be careful to assign special and particular reasons on every the smallest balance outstanding for Current Revenue.

You will particularly specify whether there be security for the balances, the nature of it and to what amount, the Circumstances and situation of the parties as accurately as can be ascertained, all which together with the probable period of realizations, must be stated in the fullest manner possible.

Fort St. George
25th June 1799

(Signed) Sam. &c.
George Read.
A R B.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 24th has directed me to the packet containing your address of the 27th Ultimo. I remember to have received it at the same time with many others containing Vouchers, and believing it to be of the same description I laid it by after breaking the Seal. I have many apologies to make to you for this oversight & the delay it has occasioned.

I now have the pleasure to inclose you seperate sets of Bills for the various items of account stated in your abstract. I hope they will prove satisfactory.

I beg leave to remind you that I have not yet received the Certificate for Register No. 2. Nor do I know to this moment where the Bullocks are. Mr. Ravenshaw wrote I was not to have them that you have engaged them. If they are not still at Dindigul, or wherever they may

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be, I beg they may be discharged, and if you can recover any part of their advanced the company will be saved from total loss on this unprofitable concern. Not a single Bullock out of 1600 has yet done them a days service, but as they were provided for eventual service, and that service is happily frustrated by the Fall of Seringapatam, we may rest contented.

A salute was fired at Madras on the 27th for the restoration of the ancient Mysore Family to the Munned by which it would appear we are to relinquish all the Table Land (save the Island & Chittledroog) for a subsidy this puts a new face on affairs & robs the military of their golden hopes.

By your silence I conclude you have put the Tanjour Major's trick upon you, in your packet his conduct here has been so uncivil not to say hostile that I could not have foregone the opportunity of exhibiting him. I am by no means fond of his kind of warfare, but some resistance should be made to studied direction.

Trotter has returned from Ramnad and we expect Lushington on route to Madras in a day or two.

Tanjour
31st June 1799.

Your very truly,
(Signed) J. B. Tirin

J. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector &c Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the pleasure of enclosing you a copy of a letter to Major Lindsay from me, on the subject of the tapaul you will perceive the stages taken & the part I have acted.

I am induced to trouble you thus for having understood from my people that you have been urged to detain them at Coimbatore.

To Mr. T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo and to inform you, the Board authorize an advance of 5,000 Star Pagodas for Tuccavy in the Districts of Dindigul.

Fort St. George.
1st July 1799.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers.
Secretary.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

The annexed Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 1st June is forwarded for your information and guidance. (Circular)

Fort St. George
5th July 1799.

I am &c.
(Signed) George Read
A. B. R.

Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 1st June 1799.

Ordered that the accountant be directed to give a Circular Order to Collectors not to insert any charge for Candles in their accounts from 1st May last as none will be hereafter allowed.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) George Read.
A. B. R.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire
Collector to the District at Dindigul.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to enclose you "Bills" on the Paymaster General in Triplicate for 346 Star Pagodas and 12¼ Cash in compliance of your letter of the 3rd Instant. "Bills" are not found.

Madura
8th July 1799.

I have &c.
(Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul. &c.

Sir,

I had the honour of addressing you some time ago in answer to a letter of yours to the Colonel.

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I had then resolved to accompany him to Europe in consideration of what he had promised doing for me then, but have since determined, by the advice of some friends & from present appearances to remain in the Country & pushing my prospects in the surveying line although in spite of all my former exertions (which ought to have secured me friends & interest too) I am afraid many of the splendid prospects held out to me while the work was pending will yet vanish into air, & leave me totally unprovided for. I am going by the Colonel's desire to lay my Survey before the Commissioners at Seringapatam who although Captain McKenzie has undertaken the Survey of the Conquered Countries will probably interest themselves so far in my behalf, as to get me appointed one of his Assistants.

I understand you have been appointed to manage all the County below the Gauts, and if you are desirous of employing me then, I shall have much pleasure in serving you and flatter myself that from the experience I have had aided by a healthy constitution inured to fatigue I might have the pleasure of furnishing it considerably sooner than others who might be appointed under less favorable circumstances.

In place of a monthly salary however liberal I would prefer (if it could be complied with) undertaking it by contract, because when emolument increases with labour, it is cheerfully, and with celerity, & promptitude, and the only means of procuring diligence and zeal. If so I would undertake to survey Dindigul

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as well as that part of the conquered Countries; the former containing probably 2101, and the latter 7000 square miles which would bring the whole extent of your management into one point of view.

Captain Thomas Munro made me a similar proposal about 14 Months ago, to go to the Guntoor Circar, which (as matters are likely to turn out) I wish I had accepted. I propose writing him on my arrival at Seringapatam on the subject.

With respect to my past labours, I have the satisfaction of saying that they have hitherto met with every approbation from my superiors, as well as professional Gentlemen & the Board at the Colonels request have been pleased to recommend me to Government for some pecuniary recompense & for my indefaticable zeal & diligence in the prosecution of them I beg leave to refer you to Captains Macleod, Munro, Graham, who have been more immediate eye witnesses to them.

Any terms you are pleased to propose, addressed to the care of Mr Milvil merchant Seringapatam, shall be punctually attended to.

I have &c.

Bangalore
July 5th 1797

(Signed) John Mather

To W.A. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you an Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council under date 6th Instant to which the Board desire your particular attention, and that you regularly make a report quarterly of the industry of your assistants, and the progress made by them in

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the acquisition of the native Languages as therein particularly prescribed.

I am further directed to observe, it must be your particular care to give constant employ to your assistants in such manner as you may judge most for the public advantage and you are strictly enjoined, and held responsible, for instructing them in every branch of the Revenue duty, and the local usages of your district, connected therewith as it is delivered to be the unalterable determination of Government not to promote any Gentleman in the Revenue Department, unless he passes a competent knowledge of the administration of the Revenue and of a native Language. We trust no exertion will be wanting on their part to obtain both qualifications.

I am &c
(Signed) J B Travers
Secretary

Fort St George
July 8th 1799.

Extract of a letter from Government dated 1st July 1799

Having great reason to be dissatisfied with the general want of industry in the junior part of the Civil service and particularly with their inattention to the study of the native languages (which are indispensable to the faithful discharge of their duty) we order and direct that it shall be a point of each Collectors duty under your authority to make a quarterly report of the industry of each of his assistants, and of the progress made by them in the acquisition of the native languages.

At the same time that we impose this task on the Collectors, we desire that they may

be assured of our constant support in the discharge of it, and as we shall exact the performance of this duty from them at the risk of forfeiting their own situations, we shall not fail to relieve them from the burthen of those Assistants who may persevere in indolence, ignorance, or immorality.

We are willing to hope that a generous spirit of emulation, the hope of reward and the sense of public character and duty in the junior part of the Company's servants on this establishment will prevent the necessity of enforcing this resolution, but we desire it to be understood as an unalterable determination not to promote any Gentleman in your Department, unless he shall possess a competent knowledge of the administration of the Revenue and of the native languages.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) W G Wright
Asst. Dy. Secry.

To T B Hardes Esquire Collector Dindigal.

Sir,

I am favored with yours dated the 5th July desiring a set of Bills for the sum of Rs 522 for 174 Bullocks sent with Col. Brown's Detacht.

Upon a more attentive examination of the Bills I have already transmitted to you I believe it will appear that these Bullocks are already accounted for as follows.

My first sett of Bills in your favor are dated the 27th May & for the Sum 6920-20-34
Your Register for 1900 Dt. & Car Bullocks, only account to } 6398-20-34
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I hope the explanation will be satisfactory

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-factory & that all is now settled on the score of Bullocks I am well convinced of the distress of the Dindigul District from the great drain of Carriage Cattle it is also very easily felt how I will be still more severe to the southward. when scarcity of grain begins to be very alarming.

Your letter to Lushington I forward per Tappal as he went off by the sea on the 5th

9th July 1799 (signed) Your B. Lowin

To Thomas B. Hardis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir The alarm and dread occasioned among the Naul Colleries, by the Detachment you carried into the very bosom of their Country in December last and their subsequent peaceable conduct for five months (during which time not one incursion was made into the district) had induced a faint, but as it has proved false hope, that the lawless predatory conduct of these marauders, was in a great degree got the better of.

In the beginning of May however they began threatening the peace of the Valley no serious attack was made till the night of the 6th when in the name of Pujary naig the Colleries invested and plundered the Village Vadagapatty of sixty six Bullocks, besides Shumboos of different sorts, cloths &c. &c. to the value of 78 6 Rs The cry of Pujary naig had on the Ryots the intended effect, for their fears so intirely overcame them, that they allowed their property to be quietly taken from them and though the attack was made at 12 o'Clock at night, they sent no one to inform the Tahseildar of the event till six o'Clock the next morning, when; vain as pursuit appeared, he follow-ed the Colleries to Pyetmanecomby Canavoy, but they

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had escaped to the Nauts with all their plunder.

At this time business detained me at Dindigal, but on the representations of the Tahsildars of the 24th Tookry and of Hircarrahs from the Nauts towards the end of May that the Cutum was there assembled with the intent to make incursions into this District, I came to this place on the 5th June determined to prevent if possible, the designs of these refractory, tho' much injured, people.

From the 7th to the 15th I was engaged in inspecting every conavoy from Mateputty to Guntapanaiguenoor & in superintending the deligence and watchfulness of the several Guard of Sybundy.

During this time the Colleries hearing of my arrival, broke up the Cutum, and dispersed to their respective Villages when assured of this I returned by the Pulatoor hill to urge the vigilance and alacrity of the Peons in that quarters, to Dindigul.

No sooner had I left the Valley then the Colleries were again in arms and on the night of the 23d carried away from Cohiputty Village 32 Bullocks of these thirteen are restored and the remainder, they have promised to give up in a few days. I have little faith however in their words.

On the 2d Instant 19 Bullocks were plundered from Sukiyagoundenputty, but were recovered by the Circar peons before the Colleries could reach the Nauts with them. On the same night a considerable number of sheep were plundered from Mootiagoundenputty of Sundicor, these the Colleries have also promised to return.

On the 1st Booguputty Village was plundered of sixty Bullocks & cloths &c to the value

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of C.P. had it not been for the very infamous conduct of the Vadaguerry Poligars peons stationed in Peelmancomby who were eye witnesses to the Colleries carrying away the plundered cattle without attempting to put a stop to them, the whole of this property might have been recovered.

It appeared on enquiry that among the Poligars Peons were three Colleries concerned in some degree with these very plunderers, hence their unwillingness to attempt at preventing the mischief.

The Colleries were immediately seized as was also the Duffadar of the Poligar's Peons who was at the time in Rammaigputty of Buttilagoontah Talook about three miles from Bugunputty and who by representing to the Duffadar of the Circar peons stationed there, that the Colleries were in great force and that he should remain to protect that Village, prevented him following them as he otherwise might have done. The Duffadar of the Circar peons is severely punished for listening to this man, and I submit, tho' the Bullocks were not carried away through the Vadaguerry Poligars bounds, yet as his peons were the cause of the cattle not being recovered, that he be made answerable for at least a large proportion of them.

On the night of the 8th Instant one hundred and fifty sheep were plundered from Condamanaigputty of Andiputty, but were recovered before the Colleries could get them to the Naads.

On the 9th thirty two Bullocks were carried away from Mariampully of Teerpandy as this Village however is in Guntapanaig Poligars Cawelly and the cattle were carried all thro' his Cawelly to the Yerlumaddy Pollum, they of course are demanded

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& and will be recovered from him

Except in the case of the Buginputty incursion I have no reason to complain of the vigilance of the Circar peons whom the Colleries cautiously & in general successfully endeavour to avoid by climbing the sides of passes in the Villages of which they are stationed, or in making their escape to these Canavays where sibendies are not placed.

That you may be fully informed I have thought it necessary to relate every incursions made by these people since you left Dindigul in April.

Having reason to think the Pauperputty Colleries, were among those assembled in the Nauts towards the end of May I sent for Vellavichattaven of that Vanidum to meet me at this place which he did on my arrival here the 5th of June. He denied his or any of his brothers being assembled with a design to plunder in this district & told me all the people of the different vanidums, who composed the Cutum then assembled.

I desired him to endeavour and persuade the Colleries of Nullatavenputty to restore the vadagaputty Bullocks, he told me, if I wished it he would but that it would be in view, that he had before asked them to do so, but they would not. I naturally asked him why? he replied, you shall hear what they told me. They said "we know very well the Company's "Army are now at Sirangapatam, there are no troops at "Dindigul or in any part of these Districts Therefore "we will use the Bullocks while we can; when we see a "party of Troops come as far as Vedapanaigs Pollam it

"will then be time enough to give them up, and the Circar
"having got the cattle will go back again without hurtings."

Could a strong Guard of Peons be stationed in the Nauts, one in Dodapanaigs and one in the Yellamaddy Poligars Tollum, these lawless people might be better watched and their incursions more often prevented than they can be at present; but so long as they are quietly allowed to continue in their present independent state & I believe I may with truth say, encouraged in their predatory incursions by those very people whom his Highness the Nabob has been pleased to place over them, I see no possibility of their ever entirely relinquishing their present marauding restless habits.

So much has before been written on, and so often has this subject been laid by you before the Board of Revenue that it would be presumption in me, to offer any further remarks to one so well acquainted with and so fully conversant in the nature disposition and present conduct of these wretched people.

Their late constant incursions are greatly accounted for, by the famine existing throughout the more southern Countries, the want of rain to employ them in cultivation and the celebration of their great annual Feast the beginning of every Audy month.

They have written Olihs to the Ryots of Audipatty, Condamanaigenpatty & other Villages in that neighbourhood desiring them to send money, sheep and other things, to enable them to carry on their general festival they claim these things as a right alledging, the cawelly of those Villagers formerly belonged to them and for which they have received nothing these two years. As the sending Olihs in this way is

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only their way of declaring war. I expect an incursion, will be made in that quarter, and am prepared to receive them.

The 1st Battalion 14th Regiment having returned to Dindigal, and the downfall of the late Mysore Government being known throughout the Country, (though for some time much doubted by the Colleries who sent people to ascertain the fact.) I resolved to try what effect a remonstrance to these people would have and accordingly sent the enagel nama No 1. to the Tahsildar of the 4 Tookry on the 28th Ult. in compliance with which he wrote to the Colleries. No 2 is the answer returned by those of Nellatavanpatty who plundered the Vadagoopatty Bullocks that returned by the Vadagoopatty Colleries who carried away the Cohupatty Bullocks being to the same effect I have not translated it.

Though their answers were all that could be wished, I still doubted, if they would keep their promise, the owners of the cattle however were sent into the Nauts, but returned without one Bullock, the Colleries on frivolous pretences refusing to give them up, Six thirteen of those taken from Cohupatty have as I before mentioned, since been restored.

The Mellore Colleries have of late made no material incursions, and the Country about Vaimbarpatty & towards the Nattum pass has enjoyed thus long a state of peace and quietness

Runka the Mellore Coller who was a terror to that part of the Country, you were informed some days since, was taken by the Peons stationed about Vaimbarpatty. The brothers of his Village have written Olahs to the Ryots begging he may be delivered up and as he was a great man in his own country, and much looked up, it is probable his friends may seek vengeance. I have therefore to be ready for them, augmented the Guard of peons in that quarter.

No 3. Translation of a Declaration given by Vanka

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will show you how deeply the Polygar of Nuttum and his People have been concerned in all predatory incursion that have been made from that quarter. N.B. declaration of the same man only affords one more instance of the disgraceful management obtained by the Madura Avildars over the Mellore as well as Naat Colleries.

The Cutam still continuing in the Naats I came here on the 13th Inst. and you may depend on my every exertion to preserve the peace and quiet of the Country.

I have now, Sir, to apologize for having entered into, what might otherwise be called a detailed and elaborate discussion, the necessity of which, I conceive my subordinate situation dictates and to be,

Sir, your &c.
(signed) John G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collector

Nellacottah
11th July 1799.

Translation of an Enayet Nama to Nutter Cawn Tahsildar of Nellacottah dated 28th June 1799.

On receipt hereof you will write an Olah in your name, in the following terms to the Colleries who plundered the Bullocks from Vadagoopatty of Periaclum and Cotupatty of Codengenaigpatty, in the hope that they will return them.

You will write to them thus.

"Tho' it is now many days since you plundered the Bullocks "from Vadagoopatty in the hope that you would return them "of your own accord my master has thus long shown you favor.

"If you return the aforesaid Bullocks immediate"ly, it will be well, but if it is your intension not to return "them till you oblige my master to come against you "with a force, you will thereby incur his severe displeasure "and cause him when he does come to you, besides taking "away the Bullocks you have plundered, to inflict on you "such a punishment as you never yet met with, and

thereby

thereby prevent your ever again plundering in the Compa-
-ny's districts.

If you consider this well, you must be convinced, that it will be better for you implicitly to obey this order than by disobeying it to bring upon you the ruin of yourselves and families.

You will write the same to the Colleries, who took away the Cokupatty Bullocks.

A true Translation.

(Signed) John G Ravenshaw.
Asst. Collector.

No. 2

Translation of an Olle from Pungtaver of Nellattumpatty received 5th July 1799 no date.

After compliments, What you have said respecting the Bullocks, plundered from Vadagupatty of Periacolum, is very right and proper.

Having cause for revenge against some of Bodynaig's Villages, ten of our children went there for that purpose not knowing the different lands, they by mistake, brought away the Vadagupatty Bullocks.

According the orders you have now sent us, if the owners of the Bullocks are sent here, they shall be restored to them.

We have ever conducted ourselves to the company as to our great God, and trust therefore to their protection.

A true Translation.

(Signed) John G Ravenshaw.
Asst. Collector.

Declaration of Ranka a Mellore Collier of Cadarupatty taken 6th July 1799.

In November last the muniyar of Conaroypatty of Nattam, by order of the Poligar, having assembled me

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and ten of my people, with one hundred Colleries of Varanelly of Nuttam, we went to plunder Gopalputty of Vaumbarputty (in the Dindigul District) where one vallien was killed. Two Ryots wounded & we brought away about eighty Bullocks, of which ten were given to me for my share, thirty five to the Nuttam Poligar, and the remaining thirty five among the Conavoyputty monigar and the other Colleries.

In January last the Conavoyputty monigar collected about one hundred colleries and others inhabitants of Comby putty, Varanelly, Conavoyputty, Moolijoor & Shuckliangoody all of Nuttam, & sent them to plunder in Valnoonputty of Vaumbarputty, whence they carried away fifteen black Buffalos of these five were kept by the Monigar and plunderers and the remainder given to the Poligars and carried away the Shockalingaporum, the Poligars Sunny.

In February last, I and ten of my people were sent by the Nuttam Monigar with about sixty Colleries and others to Curoombaputty of Vaumbarputty, where we plundered Brass pots, Shumboos, &c gold Jewels, Cloths &c when we returned as far as Curdoo Monigar's tope the plunder was divided into three shares, of which I took one, one was given to the other plunderers and monigar & one to the Nuttam Monigar.

In my share was 2 brass pots 2 D^o. of another sort, 1 Shumboo 1 Bogany, & 2 cloths.

A true Translation
Signed John G Ravenshaw
Ass^t Collector

Declaration of Runka taken 7th July 1799

The Jummabundy of Meloor Nauts is Gopaul Chs 30,000.

Three years ago Iyava Iyen one of Gopaul

Kistna's

Kistna's people having collected the Kist according to that funmabundy, in the same year, after this amount was collected, assembled all the Umbalgars of the Villages at Mellore confined them in Irons & made them agree to pay half as much again as the funmabundy. This was collected at the rate of ten fanams for every plow and paid him.

Again at another time Iyava Iyen confined Poirenna Ambalgar of Varapatty, Separeen, Peria curpen Ambalgar Tagarapen, Keelavellaree and Ramen Ambalgar of Alliampatty, and made them agree to pay him 400 Lbs of these Purgle Aundy of Skamanchepatty paid 100, Curttapuchen Ambalgar of Mellore 100 Mundalam pany Ambalgar of Vellaripatty 100 & Perumal Ambalgar of Nuringyeripatty 100. This money the 4 Ambalgars raised from the different Villages.

Last year at new moon of Aady Gopaul Kistna and Vengena Chetty came to Alagar Covil, when Gopal Kistna sent for us and begged us to give him 311 Chucks on which the Ambalgars of the different Villages went with him to Madura borrowed in the name of all their villages 311 Chucks from of Periacaday Venkanan Chetty, and gave it to Gopaul Kistna of these half is repaid to Venkanan Chetty & half is still due.

Besides these the Melore Naats are four Monigars under the Amildar when any of these people have any deaths or marriages, they come to the different Villages & request money for their expences. when we give them from 5 to 10 fs. per Village.

When the Peons come from the Amildar to collect the Kists, we give them each a fanam and one

measure of rice per day till the money is collected.

The Amildar shares half of our plunder. This has been a custom many years.

A true Translation

(Signed) John G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collector

Translation of an Olah from the Ambulgar of Cawtaroo-putty to the Natamcars and Ryots of Anjoogoolieputty Taimbarputty Curumbaputty Cavaraechettiputty and all the adjoining Puttys — Received 11th July 1799.

After Compliments. It has now come to pass that Runka Ambalgar, of Perumanandy's Cutam, having gone like four other of our people (it being near the 1st of Audy) to collect their money from their respective Villages. You heard of his arrival, seized him, beat him in a most cruel manner, carried him away, & placed in confinement. All these we know are true.

Now as he did not go to your Villages to do any mischief or plunder any thing, for he never at any time hurt any of you or committed any marauding acts. This being the case, and you having treated him in so improper a way, beat him in so dishonorable and unbearable a manner, and kept him confined in your Villages, of which he is the Cawelgar having also without attempting to get him released allowed him to be carried away before your eyes. We are at a loss to know for what you can have behaved in this manner.

It appears strongly as if you were the cause of all this but whether this was or was not done by your desire. As we are a numerous body of people, and willing to assist you on any occasion. Runka also being your Cawelgar, and it being near the first of Audy. It is necessary that

that you get him set at liberty and sent here to us.

If he is not allowed to come bus, we all assembled here, cannot carry on the ardy Festival. As this is the case you will send him to us.

If there is any dispute with him or if he has done any thing wrong, we will be answerable for him.

You will consider this as ten Olits, and without writing us any thing extraordinary. Send the man to us this is our request.

A true Translation

(Signed) John G. Ravenshaw

Translation of an Olit from the sons of the Forefathers —— of Poodoor & Vellapoorry of Vellattavenputty to Bodapa naigetalamear of Condamanaigenputty, the Natamcars of Connyapellyputty, Vadacarputty, Yeater Covil and Veary putty, received 11th July 1799.

After Compliments. It is well known to you that from the time of our forefathers, we have continued to obey your commands.

It is further in the knowledge of the Poligar that you used to give us the Cawelly pattens of your Villages. This also is well known to you.

From the time you ceased to grant us the Cawelly, we have received only one year's profits from it. The balance due to us you have not given.

Now it is well known among you that we have two of the Circar Poligars with us, and that we are become a proud and independent people dispising and holding in contempt both the orders of the Poligars and those of the Circar, and as we have now occasion for money for our expences you will accordingly be pleased to send us by some of your people Forty

Chuckrums

Chuckrums and twenty sheep. If we do not do so we shall consider it as a breach of faith, to avoid which you will act as we have desired, and we shall ever keep in memory the favors you may grant us.

In answer to this you will inform what we are to expect.

A true Translation
(Signed) John G. Ravenshaw.
Asst Collector.

Translation of an Olah from Suny Taven of Nellatta-verputty received 15th July 1799.

After Compliments. The letter you have now been pleased to send us, having arrived in the same way as we make offerings to our Gods, so did we hold your letter in our hands and uplift it to our heads, & having read it we understand all its contents in which you desire us to return the Vadagooputty Bullocks.

The seven Children of the Colleries of this place, being assembled, and hearing this letter, they say that if the Bramins are sent the Bullocks shall be released, otherwise they will not return them. When the Bramins come and assure us the Circar will not in future demand any more than these said Bullocks, we will then release them.

You will therefore give them orders to come here for that purpose and you will inform us what more we can do.

A true Translation.
(Signed) John G. Ravenshaw.
Asst Collector.

Translation of an Olah from Soobanaig to the Dindigul Huzoor dated 18th Audy of 18th July 1799.

To this day I am diligent in my duty towards the Company.

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On the night of the 4th Instant about 9 o'Clock the Collerees invested Vaembarputty and seeing no one near the Barockn of Alagherry Reddy the Nattam-car except one man asleep whom they bound down, they plundered from thence before any one heard of them from seventy to eighty Bullocks.

It was not till some time after that I heard of this, when I assembled the four Duffa's of Sibundy. The Cutum of the Village and Soty Reddy with the Cutum of Anjorgoolyputty, with these two hundred men I went by way of Canavoyputty of Nuttam towards Alagherry hill, near which place the day broke upon us. From thence I came by way Puttoor and to Comnoyputty of Therogoody Naut. The Collerees of which place to the number of four to five hundred came out & stoped us. They asked us for what we came into their Nauts and said that if ever we come there again, they must fight us and allow none of us to escape for their Cutum was assembled in all quarters they then let us go and left us.

Vaembarputty being three parts of a Cauthem (11) miles from this place it being near sunset & the people all much fatigued with walking. If the Collerees not been attacked the Bullocks would not have been recovered and many of the men must have been killed. I therefore brought them back by way of Nuttam to Vaembarputty. The Nattamcar of which Village with two of his people are gone to Commoyputty of Therorgoody to demand the Cattle.

When I was following the Collerees rammay and two other people who with him, coming after me

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were stopped near Allagoory Covil by some Colleries who stabbed them in the hands and back, & took away some of their cloths and handkerchiefs. The Reyots returned to Carumputty yesterday.

Returning from the Nauts, to the eastward of Nattam seeing eight Buffalo's in the woods, I thought them part of the Natamacars (Allegareddy) and brought them away. But on enquiring at Vairnbarputty they did not belong to any one in that Village. They are therefore given to the Tatyars and Martharays to feed.

The Kars here have not much ammunition.

A true Translation.

(Signed) John G Ravenshaw
Asst Collector

To Thomas Bower Hardis Esquire Collector of Dindigul

Sir, I have the honor to forward Extract of a letter from the Resident of Tanjour by which you will perceive, that it is necessary that my Bills on the Paymaster General for Cash for your Treasury should be in his favor, for which I will pass his own Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue upon Government in consequence of these instructions I have to request you will return me the set of Bills for the 4000 Pags advanced last Month for which I will transmit them in favor of Mr Torin by return of Tappaul.

The Resident of Tanjour has written this day or two acquainted me that he had some days past authorized you to advance me 4000 Pags on account of my July disbursements, which I trust you have given orders to Issue.

I have &c
(Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
17th July 1799

Extract of a Letter from the Resident of Tanjour dated 15th July 1777.

I take the earliest opportunity of apprising you of the mistake you have made in granting your Bills to these Gentlemen for the sum you have received since the date of my appointment to the Controul of the Southern Revenues. These Bills ought to have been granted in my favor and I must request you will receive them if possible from the Collectors and exchange them. In return for which it is my duty to grant them Bills on Government in favor of the Revenue Board.

A true Extract.
(signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster.

To J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr. Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir,
On receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant, I dispatched Takeeds Copies of which I enclose to the Poligars of Wootapa Naig & Doddappa Naig to provide every necessary they are able to afford, for you, & your people.

Ramnad
18th July 1777.

I have &c
(Signed) H. Graeme
Acting Collector

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector at Dindigul

Dear Sir,
By a letter from Mr. Hughes I learn he has sent you his Bills on the Military Paymaster General for the Money advanced to his people at Dindigul in June & July.

These Bills from Mr. Hughes ought to have been granted in my favor and it was for me to give to you a sett of Bills on Government in favor of the Revenue Board for the Sums.

Mr. Hughes is supposed to receive all

Supplies

supplies immediately from the Treasury at Tanjour, to which you also are directed to remit your Surplus Cash. The Payment being made im=mediately from you to Mr Hughes's office is only a matter of accommodation & which I must request you will have the goodness to adjust as above and take the trouble to recall the Bills if you have by mistake put them as vouchers to Madras in order that they may be exchanged for mine.

Tanjour
18th July 1799.

I am &ca
(Signed) B. Torin.

To Thomas B Hurdis Esquire Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

Enclosed I beg leave to furnish you with an Extract from a letter from Mr Secretary Webbe of the 11th Instant, containing the definitive orders of Government for the adjustment of the account with the Bullock owners for the advances made to them and on which a ba=lance was due from them at the time of their discharge. I must request you will inform them that a fair repre=sentation was made of the arguments they used for the remission of the whole sum, but as these arguments are not admitted by Government the remission of one Pagoda for each Bullock should be received by them as a great indulgence, and the rest of the money be repaid without loss of time.

Conformable to the accounts of the cattle provided by you the claim of the Company upon the owners amounts to Pagodas 258 fan.s 28 Cash 8½ and which I must request you will take the trouble to collect without loss of time, in order that the sum may be carried to the Company's credit.

I have &ca
Benj Torin.
Resident.

Tanjour
18th July 1799.

Extract of a letter from Mr Secretary Webbe to the Resident at Tanjore 10th July 1799

Although the Governor General in Council is sensible of the expedition with which the Bullocks were provided by you for the eventual service of the Army, yet as the greater part of them has not actually been employed, His Lordship Considers the claim of the owners to an entire remission of the balances due by them to be totally unfounded and unwarranted, either by the merits of the case or the discharge of the service

In consideration, however, of the early discharge of the Bullocks from the service His Lordship consents to grant a donation of One Pagoda for each Bullock to the owners. I am accordingly directed to desire that the accounts may be finally adjusted on this principle, and the remainder of the balance due by the owners brought to the Company's account.

To J. G. Ravenshaw Esquire Assistant Collector Dindigul

Sir,

As the Resident of Tanjour has advised me that Mr Hurdis has been authorized to issue 4000 Pagodas on account of my disbursements of this Month, I shall be much obliged by the advance of this Cash as soon as possible.

Madura
17th July 1799.

I have &c.
(Signed) Robt Hughes
Paymaster.

To J. Ravenshaw Esquire Acting Collector Dindigul

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the accompanying Bills are made out in Mr Torin's favour by his own desire. They should be dispatched by you to him, I imagine as soon as possible, by which you may quickly receive his Bills on Govt in favor of the Board of Revenue.

Madura
24th July 1799.

I have &c.
(Signed) Robt Hughes.
Paymaster.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire Collector of the District of Dindigul &c.

Sir,

The Resident of Tanjour having advised me that he had written to you to provide for my demand of next Month. I have to request you will direct 4200 Star Pagodas to be advanced to me on the 1st of August.

Madura
25th July 1799

I have &c.
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

(Circular)

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform you that they sanction a continuance of the suspension of duty on Grain, authorized by them for 6 Months on the 4th January last for a further period of 3 Months that is until the 4th November next.

Fort St. George
25th July 1799.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary.

To Mr. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir, The Board have received your letter of the 11th Inst. Government having directed that Mr. Mather may be employed in completing a survey of the Countries lately subjected to the Company and of the Province of Dindigul and they have desired to put himself under your orders that a Survey of the Districts committed to your charge may be made, and you are desired to pay him his monthly Salary of 56 Pagodas.

Government have appointed Mr. B. Kindell your Second Assistant.

Fort St. George
July 25th 1799.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary.

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esqr. Collector Coimbatore

Sir,

You will have received a letter from Mr. Torin

Mr Torin apprising you of his being called to the Presidency & of his intention to proceed thither on the 19th Instant, I, as his assistant, having charge of this office during his absence, beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him of the 24th.

I have the honor to enclose, according to your desire, a statement of the account with the Bullock owners, as drawn out by this office, wherein you will see the mode by which they have been assessed, and the names of those from whom the balances is to be collected.

Your letter I shall have the pleasure of forwarding to Mr Torin, that he may reply to those other subjects on which I do not feel myself sufficiently authorized to decide.

Tanjour
27th July 1799

I have &c
(Signed) W. C. Rivers
Assistant

Settlement of hire due from the Bullock owners of Cundigul Entertained

No.	Names of the owners	No. of Carriage Bullocks	Date commencing their entertainment & of their being dismissed	Amount of advances made to the Bullock owners			Amount settlement of the Bullock owners hire			Deducted 1 Pagoda per each Bullock to the owners			Total			Amount of balance due from the Bullock owners		
				S.Ps	f	c	S.Ps	f	c	S.Ps	f	c	S.Ps	f	c	S.Ps	f	c
1	P. Teroomaly Chetty	101	from 5th May to 12th June	319	11	66	181	"	"	101	"	"	281	"	"	39	11	66
2	C. Venkatachetty	101	from 5th May to 12th	319	2	77	180	"	"	101	"	"	281	"	"	39	2	77
3	Alagery Chetty	100	from 5th May to 12th	320	31	60	180	"	"	100	"	"	281	"	"	40	31	60
4	V. Goorooappen	33	from 8th May to 12th	111	43	35	57	31	40	33	"	"	90	31	40	21	11	75
5	M. Mohamed Meera	2	from 8th May to 12th	9	3	55	3	21	"	2	"	"	5	21	"	3	24	55
6	S. Soobramaniapillay	4	from 11th May to 12th	12	"	"	7	25	16	4	"	"	11	25	16	1	11	64
7	P. Balayorsam	51	from 11th May to 12th	152	"	"	73	29	72	51	"	"	124	29	72	28	2	8
8	C. Mohamed Narnanjee	40	from 11th May to 12th	120	"	"	58	"	"	40	"	"	98	"	"	22	"	"
9	Do. Do.	53	from 11th May to 12th	161	30	"	71	23	8	53	"	"	124	23	8	36	6	72
	Total	483		1524	38	38	811	14	56	483	"	"	1294	14	56	230	23	57

Tanjour
12th June 1799

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(Signed) W. C. Rivers

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Statement of Hire due from the Bullock owners of Dindigul entertained

No	Names of the owners	No of draught Bullocks	Date commencing their entertainment & of their being discharged	Amount of advance made to the Bullock owners St	f	c	Amount settlement of the Bullock owners hire St	f	c	Deduction the donation at Pagoda per each Bullock St	f	c	Total St	f	c	Amount of balance due from the Bullock owners St	f	c
1	Bodyanaick	24	From 1st Apl to 12 June	74	32	27	71	8	14½	3	27	12½	7½	32	27	..	..	..
2	Rungapa Naick	116	From 22d Apl to Do	378	21	17	372	11	..	26	6	1½	378	21	1½	..	..	..
3	Ram Naick	24	From 22d Apl to Do	96	6	12	87	15	46	5	33	16	7½	1	62	..	..	..
4	Magappen	6	From 22d Apl to Do	24	8	36	22	14	31	1	31	25	24	8	51	..	..	..
5	Venkatakistnamanaick	26	From 22d Apl to Do	102	13	72	96	34	21½	8	21	41½	112	13	72	..	..	..
6	Venkatathausurry	6	From 23d Apl to Do	22	42	33	21	38	..	1	4	33	22	62	33	..	..	..
7	Vuttamma Naig	40	From 23d Apl to Do	155	17	45	146	1	25	1	11	21	155	17	45	..	..	..
8	Thengary Venkatapanaig	40	From 24th Apl to Do	140	..	..	143	4	32½	16	37	27½	140	..	..	..	..	..
9	Vadagary Kichabawa	16	From 24th Apl to Do	40	..	..	35	32	52½	4	9	27½	40	..	..	..	..	..
10	C. Shaik Emaum	12	From 24th Apl to Do	48	..	..	42	39	14½	2	2	13½	48	..	..	..	..	..
11	C. Citt Nimmed Ravot	4	From 26th Apl to Do	11	..	..	14	10	4	1	28	7½	11	..	..	..	..	..
12	Balasy Goorovan	12	From 26th Apl to Do	47	11	24	41	7	46	1	3	38	47	11	24	..	..	..
13	C. Shandal Ravut	4	From 26th Apl to Do	11	3	38	13	31	42	2	14	76	16	3	38	..	..	..
14	Soobramunya Pillay	54	From 29th Apl to Do	226	42	33	173	20	31½	52	22	17½	221	42	33	..	..	..
15	Tankama Naig	8	From 31st Apl to Do	31	11	27	25	4	7½	5	11	33½	30	16	27	..	..	..
16	V. Moosa Ravut	2	From 8th May to Do	8	21	8	5	4	52½	2	..	..	7	4	52½	1	11	35½
17	Rungapa Naig	2	From 8th May to Do	8	..	..	5	4	52½	2	..	..	7	4	52½	..	37	27½
18	Venkatakistnapanaig	2	From 8th May to Do	8	..	..	5	4	52½	2	..	..	7	4	52½	..	37	27½
19	M. Rungapa Naig	2	From 8th May to Do	8	21	8	5	4	52½	2	..	..	7	4	52½	1	11	52½
20	Soobramonia Pillay	4	From 11th May to Do	11	..	..	7	26	63	4	..	..	13	26	63	2	15	17
21	P. Valagoodum	24	From 14th May to Do	96	..	..	56	34	31½	24	..	..	74	34	31½	21	7	48½
	Total	406		1623	2	52	1410	18	47	184	21	51½	1594	40	21½	28	4	32½

Tanjour 12th June 1799

E. E. for W. R. Riven: Assistant

To Mr S. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir, As the Board have it in contemplation to introduce a more permanent System of Revenue, they desire to be informed whether, if the Circar Villages in your division were to be divided into Lots paying from 500 to 5000 Pags of annual Jumma, according to local circumstances, such Jumma to be declared permanent and the property in the Soil

soil to be vested in the holders and their heirs, persons would be found to purchase them subject to sale for arrears, and securing to the Ryots their usual just shares and privileges to be hereafter protected by Courts of Justice.

I am &c.
J. B. Travers.
Secretary.

Fort St George
27th July 1799.

To Mr. J. G. Murdis. Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

The fusly year being expired I take the liberty of calling your attention to the transmission of the fusly statement and other papers required to accompany it. Vizt.

Complete accounts with the Zemindars or Renters, for the year. A complete account of the Collections for the year for each District under Amanee, or the accounts of Teerva for other particulars required vide article 40th in the Regulations.

You will be pleased also to submit as early as possible an Establishment of Servants for the ensuing year compared with the past and to be particular in affording explanation on the pension List as prescribed in the 29th Article to which I am to request your particular attention.

I am &c.
(Signed) Geo. Read
A B R.

Fort St George.
1st August 1799.

To G. Ravenshaw Esquire Acting Collector at Dindigul.

Sir

I am this day favored with your letter of the 1st Inst and have prepared accordingly a Takeed to the Shavagar of Shevagungah, directing restitution of the cattle plundered by the Colleries of his Country, in conjunction with those of the Mellore Nauts, from Varmbarputty.

I have &c.
(Signed) H Graeme.
Acting Collector.

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3d August 1799.

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To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

(Circular)

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you for your information and guidance Extract of a letter from Government dated 27th July defining the mode to be observed when the evidence of persons who may reside out of the jurisdiction of its authority is required by the Court of Recorder.

I Am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

Fort St. George
3rd August 1799

Extract of a letter from Government dated 27th July 1799

Having considered the subject of the Subpoenas issued by the Court of Recorder, we are of opinion that the Court cannot compel the attendance of any person over whom it has no jurisdiction; but by the charter it has no jurisdiction over the persons summoned from Masulipatam, or who may hereafter be summoned from any place not within the limits which have been already defined it cannot therefore compel the attendance of any person so situated.

We are further of opinion that to allow the public servants in the Districts beyond the limits of the Recorder's Court to quit their duty upon Subpoenas, would establish a precedent liable to much subsequent inconvenience, we therefore direct that in all cases of this nature the Court may be left to its power of sending a commission for the examination of such persons as may reside beyond the limits of its jurisdiction but we desire that the greatest attention may on all occasions be paid to the commissions which may be issued for this purpose by the Court of Recorder.

True Extract.
(Signed) W. G. Wright.
Asst. Secretary

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir

The Secretary having transferred to this office the Moyen Zabitah forwarded by you on the 27th June, which is

informal, it is herewith returned & I have to request you will furnish another drawn out in conformity with the regulations accompanying it with a comparison between the past and proposed establishment.

I am &c.
(Signed) Geo. Read.
A. B. R.

Fort St. George
7th August 1797

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir

Government having directed that in future your Collectorship shall be distinguished by your principal Cutcherry or residence. The Board direct you will afford them the information necessary for the purpose pointing out whether you conceive such station to be the best for a permanency having in view the advantage of a central situation.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

Fort St. George
14th August 1797

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Coimbatore

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to forward a set of Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue, and in return for the Cash advanced by you to the Madura Paymaster for his August disbursements.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. C. Blevin
Assistant

Tanjore
11th August 1797

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul &c. Districts

Sir

I am honored with your letter of the 3d Inst. enclosing invoice of Cash forwarded by you in a sealed Tumbul under charge of Captn. Bruce.

On the arrival of the detachment here on the 13th the sealed Tumbul containing in the sealed Gonies sixty six sealed bags of treasure, and the key thereof were delivered to me by that officer.

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The treasure has since been [illegible], and [illegible] enclosed I transmit you invoice of Cash received, but there is a deficiency when compared with the invoice I received from you.

Captain Bruce having stated the [illegible] and Bullocks to be wanting for the public service, I at his request returned them to him with their appurtenances yokes &c.

The persons in charge of the public Bullocks with the Detachment not having been supplied with money to procure forage for them I was necessitated to request Captain Bruce would furnish me with certificates stating the quantity of straw supplied for the cattle at each place from hence and which I now enclose.

I have &c.
(Signed) John G. Ravenshaw
Assistant Collector

Dindigul
17th August 1799.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I think it necessary to remind you that your April accounts are incomplete for want of Pergunnah Accounts Current brought up from the 12th July 1798 to the 30th April 1799 which you will be pleased to furnish me without delay.

I am &c.
(Signed) Geo. Read
A. B. R.

Fort St George
19th August 1799.

To John Ravenshaw Esquire Assistant Collector of Dindigul.

Sir,

I have been honored with yours and would have directed immediate payment to you of the Rs. f. c. 12 8 14 had there been any Cash with my agent and have therefore to request you will deduct the sum from the advance to me next month when I shall call upon Captain Bruce for the amount.

I have &c.
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster.

Madura
20th August 1799

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

(Circular)

Sir,

The Board having had occasion lately to address Government on the subject of delay in transmitting some accounts I herewith enclose you the following copy of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council at the same time I am directed to express that the complaint in question did not allude to your station and that the account and has reported the readiness shown by the Collectors with one exception in the transmission of their accounts for the preceding official year.

"Having however stated the orders of the Honble Court of Directors on this subject, and having declared "our unequivocal resolution to enforce them we think it neces-"sary to explain, that the monthly accounts of each Collector is "to be transmitted on the day prescribed by the regulations, "precisely in the state in which the affairs of his district "may stand at that period.

"We look upon the execution of this order to be at-"tended with so little practical difficulty that we direct "you to acquaint each Collector that we shall not hesitate to "remove them from their respective stations upon the very first "offence after the receipt of this explanation.

Fort St. George
16th August 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J. K. Travers
Secretary.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul.

Sir,

The Resident of Tanjour having instructed me to apply to you for Cash for my September deemands permit me to request of you the provision of 1,700 Pagodas for Dindigul

Madura
21st August 1799

I have &c.
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul.

Sir,

Permit me to request of you with all the expedition possible the advance of 7000 Pag^s. for the use of the disbursement now assembling for our immediate Army services exclusive of the 6700 lately indented for.

Madura
28th August 1777

I have &c.
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster.

To J. Ravenshaw Esquire,

Dear Sir,

The troops meaning to proceed from hence immediately, you will very much oblige me by ordering the issue of the Cash with as much haste as possible. I send you a note just put me by Major Bannerman and can only add to it, an assurance that you will accommodate us as much as may be in your power. (see x mark next side.)

I remain &c.
(Signed) Robt. Hughes.
Paymaster.

Madura.
28th August 1777.

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Coimbatore.

Sir,

Having received from the Resident Tour copy of two receipts under date 1st July 1777 granted by Mr. Hawkins for Cash advanced by you for his disbursement and being directed to draw out Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue for the amount, and when signed by the Resident, to transmit them to you.

I beg leave to advise you, that I am unable to ascertain whether Colly or Candeyrogen fanams, are meant by the denomination "F" or if the latter, how many go to the Pagodas. Consequently till informed of this, the Bills in question cannot be drawn out.

It would be more regular if Mr. Hawkins's Bill on the Military Paymaster General were sent to this office previous to the Residents drawing on Government, as that is the only voucher he can have to authenticate

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such advances as may be made to the Paymaster of the different Collectors. May I request the favor of your compliance with the above so soon as convenient, in the meantime when apprized of the exchange, the Bills can be forwarded without delay.

I have &c

Tanjour
3d August 1797.

(Signed) W. I. Alvin
Assistant.

J. R. Hughes Esquire

After indenting for Cash for the Payment of the Detachment I hope you will procure as many fanams & porto Nova Pagodas as disbursing Rupees to the troops in the Tinnevelly Country will no doubt subject the Company to loss & be attended with other inconvenience.

Yours very truly
(Signed) J. Bannerman

To Mr. S. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul
Sir,

I am favored with your letter of the 31st Ultimo. The reasons you give for the delay that will probably occur in the transmission of accounts subsequent to the 13th July I cannot admit it being of the greatest importance I should regularly receive at least your Treasury accounts, so that if any plan suggests itself to you, that will tend to ensure this, I beg of you to mention it for my opinion & I would recommend you during the time of arrangements to furnish me with an account of the actual payments at and disbursements from your own or Hoozoor Treasury, leaving any receipts &c in the Districts to be entered in the first succeeding Treasury accounts, & soon till the Districts be brought into a proper train.

Fort St George
5th September 1797

I am &c
(Signed) Geo. Read
A.B.R.

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To Thomas B Hurdis Esquire Collector Coimbatore.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to forward a Sett of Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue and in return for Mr. Hughes Bills on the Military Paymaster General which came enclosed in your Letter of the 22d Ultimo.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant Bills in triplicate shall be immediately transmitted for the Residents Signature, (in return for the Madura Paymasters Bill which came inclosed (and when returned shall be duly forwarded to you.

Tanjoure
1st September
1799

I have &c
(Signed) W A Irwin.
Assistant.

To Thomas B Hurdis Esquire Collector Coimbatore.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to forward a Sett of Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue, and in return for Cash advanced by you to the Madura Paymaster for his Disbursements.

Tanjoure
1st September 1799

I have &c
(Signed) W A Irwin.
Assistant.

To Thomas B Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 7th Inst, together with its inclosure.

On Mr. Irwin's return, which I daily expect, a Sett of Bills shall be duly forwarded to you for the amount of the receipts granted you by Mr. Hawkins in the mean time, I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 31st Ultimo, and to observe, that the Paymasters Bills on the Military Paymaster General, and not his receipts, are the only valid vouchers which the Resident has to produce, in order to

substantiate

Substantiate the advance of cash by the Collectors, for which Bills have been granted by him on the Government, & I further beg leave to remark, that this mode of proceeding is indispensable, previous to such Bills being transmitted from this office.

On the 6th & 7th current I had the honor of transmitting two setts of Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue, for the Sums of 200, & 4000 Star Pagodas.

Tanjour
9th September
1799

I have &c
(Signed) W R Turin
Assistant

To Mr T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

In reply to your letter I have to observe that the business of my office admits not the delay you ask for.

Fort St George
12th September
1799

I am &c
(Signed) Geo Read
A B R

To Mr T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to transmit you the enclosed Extract of a letter from the Secretary to Government under date 4th Instant from which you will observe that they have revoked their former determination relative to Mr Mather being appointed under you and have placed him under the orders of Captain McKinzie.

Fort St George
13th September 1799

I am &c
(Signed) G B Travers
Secretary

Extract of a letter from Secretary to Government dated 4th September 1799.

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, having attached Mr Mather to Captain Colin Mackinzie in conducting a survey, and in enquiry into the actual history of Mysoor, I am directed to desire, that he may be ordered to place himself under the orders

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of Captain Mackenzie

(A true Extract)
(Signed) W. G. Wright
As. Dy. Secry.

Thomas B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Set of Bills on Military Paymaster General for the amount of my receipts granted on the 30th July 1799 and send a copy of the certificate of exchange I procured at Coimbatore.

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14th September 1799.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Hawkins
Paymaster.

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that the Governor in Council authorizes you to dispose of the grain collected for the eventual use of the army, in the manner which you may judge most expedient.

You will retain a sufficient quantity to provide against inconvenience to the troops, and report your further proceedings to the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George
14th September
1799.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secry. to Govt.

To Thomas B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to enclose a set of Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue, and in return for the Sum of Thirteen thousand and seven hundred Star Pagodas advanced by you to the Madura Paymaster.

Tanjour
14th September
1799

I have &c.
(Signed) W. R. Irvin
Assistant.

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

I am just informed by the Secretary of Revenue that my former appointment to act under

you

you since the 1st July ceased the 4th Instant and that I am authorized to draw my pay from you to that date being Pags 116-31-1 and for which I hope you will be pleased to grant me an order on some mercantile house here directed to the care of A. Goodal Merch^t.

I am now appointed to assist Capt. McKinzie in completing a General Survey of Mysore after which the Districts, it is expected, will be entered upon a detail if so my former appointment to the Dindigul and Coimbatore provinces will take place when I shall have it in my power to evince how anxious I am to deserve your support and countenance.

I have &c.
(Signed) John Mather

Fort St George
September 11th 1799

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I request you will immediately dispatch your accounts to the 31st July which are much wanted together with the Fasly accounts.

I am &c.
(Signed) Geo Read
A. B. R.

Fort St George
11th September
1799

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to transmit you 1 Chest containing stationary for the use of your Department.

I am
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

Fort St George
18th Sept. 1799

Invoice of the stationary sent to Mr. T. B. Hurdis Collector Dindigul.

	Quills	1600 N.	best sort	1400
			damage	200
Imperial quire 5 / Atlas 3 / 8	Imperial	8 quire		
	Royal	18 D^o	11 sheet less in 2 out quire	
	Medium	28 D^o	11 D^o in 2 D^o	

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Demmy	21	quire	12 sheet less in 2 out quire.
Foolscap	15	Do	
Kingsarm	42	Do	
Post	19	Do	
Quarter Post	21	Do	
Cartridge	5	Do	
Blotting	5	Do	
Pen knives	5	No	
Pencills	14	No	
Ink powder	17	Pees	
Pownce	4	lb	
Wafer Box	5	Box	
Sealing Wax	5	lb	
Glass Leanthern	1	No	

Fort St George.
23d September 1799.

To T B Hurdis Esquire Collector at Dindigul.
Sir,

I am this moment favored with your letter of the 15th Instant respecting the assistance given by the Yellamarra Poligar to Nelladadoo Roojary Naig his inattention to my orders forbidding such assistance and requesting that your peons may be allowed to follow him into the Yailmarra Pollum and seize him in any manner they can.

As the measures which are now in progress in regard to the Tinnevelly Poligars promise to make them more causious hereafter in disobeying my orders and as it is necessary to the success of those measures that the confidence of the whole of the western Poligars in the assurances which have been given them be not in any degree shaken by any acts of violence in their Pollams I recommend that none of your people enter the Yailmurra Pollum, at least, for the present, and I shall take the most effectual measures in my power for securing that Poligars attention to my former orders regarding Roojary Naig.

I have &c
(signed) J Lushington
Collector

Camp near Naglapoor.
18th September 1799

To T B Hurdis Esquire Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

As it is probable you may be directed to supply me with funds for the support of the investment under my charge. I shall be obliged to you immediately upon receiving instructions to that effect to dispatch to me the amount of the thousand Pagodas.

I am &c.

Tinnevelly
17th September
1799.

(Signed) Kenworthy
Coml Resdt

Dear Hurdis,

I congratulate you on the late increase to your Collections, & like you are as much as you are fat which I hear is wishing you no small fortune.

17th September 1799.

Yours.
(Signed) J Casamajor

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Collector of Dindigul District

Respected Sir,

Lieut Col. Read now being on the point of going home has promised to give up my indenture on his departure

I now take the liberty Sir of laying before you the situation I will be in if the Col. leaves me unprovided in this wide uncertain world to provide for myself. In the first place having no friends or got a sum of money left me to trust upon for subsistence till an opportunity offers to employ myself so as to earn a livelihood even then having so large a family entirely depending on me and the very distressed situation they are in at present a salary under twenty Pagodas a month at Madras will hardly do more than maintain me and my poor family.

If Sir by the time this arrives, I be so very fortunate of a vacancy in your office & it please you

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to take into consideration my poor situation and send for me, on the receipt of your letter you may depend on my making all the dispatch in my power to proceed on my journey till your answer

I remain &c.
Madras
25th September
1799.
(Signed) P. C. T. C. R. St. Penning

N. B.

Also be pleased Sir, to acquaint me the salary you can afford and the employment required of.

Sir yours &c.
(Signed) P. St. Penning

To J. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 22d enclosing a list of the Coins in your Treasury, I have to inform you that none of them will answer for this Country except the old & new Porto Novo Pagodas.

I am &c.
Tinnevelly
26th September
1799.
(Signed) Kenworthy
Comg. Regt.

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to desire you will transmit a statement of the amount of the Revenue collected by you, and yet expected to be realized for Fusly 1208, and at the same time they desire you will state as far as your information enables you, what may be the estimated Revenue of 1209 Fusly.

I am &c.
Fort St. George
28th September 1799.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary.

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Coimbatore

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to inform you that Mr. Edward Campbell has the permission of the Honorable Court of Directors to proceed to India

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for the purpose of establishing Sugar works in such of the Districts as he may conceive most favourable for such an undertaking & having obtained sanction of Government to visit the Baramahal & Coimbatore Districts the Board direct you will afford him such information as may be in your power in regard to his intended Object. Should he apply to you for any other assistance you will submit the application to the Board accompanied with your opinion thereon and you will receive herewith copy of the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors and of Government on the subject.

I am &c.

Fort St George
29th September 1799.

Signed J B Travers
Secretary

Extract of a General letter from England in the Commercial Department dated 17th April 1799

Being desirous of promoting the Culture of sugar Para 5
in such of our possessions, as may be suited to the growth of the cane, with a view of affording to the European Market a more ample supply of a commodity, now become, in a manner an important necessary of life, we have permitted Mr Edward Campbell to proceed to India for the purpose of establishing Sugar works in such of the Districts under our Madras Government as he may conceive most favourable for such an undertaking.

Mr Campbell has entered into the usual covenants required from persons allowed to reside in India for the purpose of practising in the way of their profession in which is inserted a special Clause limiting his operation to the manufacture of Sugar only, and we direct, that when Mr Campbell relinquishes this object, that he be required to return to England. As we feel, on many accounts, much interested in the advancement of this branch of our commerce, we shall be glad to hear, that Mr Campbells

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endeavours are attended with success, and we direct, that you afford him such countenance, and support as you may conceive necessary for enabling him to accomplish the object of his Pursuit.

(A true Extract)

Copy of a letter from Mr Secretary Webbe Publice Department

To Mr Edward Campbell.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 12th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that the Governor in Council permits you to proceed into the Baramahal and Coimbatore.

I am &c

Fort St George
14th September 1797

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secry to Govt

(Signed) J B Travers
Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hardis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you I have this day made known to Mr Torin that Mr Toushington can only supply me with Twelve Thousand Pagodas in the Course of this month, and that I should in consequence advise you thereof and request I might have Twenty Thousand from you, three fourths of which are wanted for Major Bannerman's Detachment of which you can spare for my department 1500 Pagodas are wanted at Dindigul, which perhaps Major Lindsay could wait for some little time longer in order to enable you the more readily to furnish what is wanted in camp, and that may take some days in getting to Kiglar.

Ten thousand was all that I requested Mr Torin to apply to you for on my present Months Indent, and I request of you, if you can supply the further sum of another Ten, that you will set it aside, until you have his direction to send it to me.

I have &c
(Signed) Robt Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
1st October 1797

To Mr Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Collector at Dindigul. (Circular)

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to annex Extract of a letter from Government dated 5th Instant to which they desire your particular attention.

"Having authorized the several Commercial Residents to commence an investment on an extensive Scale, we desire that the Collectors may be authorized to comply with their respective indents to the extent of their means, after satisfying the Revenue and Military demands in their Districts.

Fort St George
7th October 1799

I am &c
(Signed) J K Travers
Secretary.

To Mr T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 5th & 9th Ultimo, together with their enclosures, and to express the Boards concern at the very improper conduct of the Cunnivady and Verupatchee Poligars. they highly approve of the measures you have adopted for putting a stop to the influence of the latter & hope you will be successful in securing the person of Pojay Naig & his principal adherents concerned in the late enormities, keeping those, already seized under the strictest confinement.

The Board approve of your keeping a Guard at Pullatoor which situation affords so easy an access to the strong Combies of Veroopatchy and Kunnivaddy, and they sanction the expence of your building a Gurry there for the security of the Sibbendies and for clearing the jungle around it. You will be pleased to forward an Estimate of the expence of opening a road from Pylney to Pulatoor and Punnecadoo through the hills which measure & the distruction

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of the strong Countries must, it appears to the Board, have a material effect on the future conduct of the Poligars particularly now that the neighbouring Government of Tippoo no longer exists.

In your letter of the 14th August 1798 you reported you had great reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the Poligars during the past year with the exception of Cannivady and Ammianaigue considering the circumstances, & that the complaints alleged against the Poligar of Vesupatchee are not of a very recent date, except his having held communication with people belonging to the late Tippoo Sultaun, the evidence of which is considered by you on some points to be contradictory, particularly in regard to his peons having gone to assist them and as his accusers might have hoped to extenuate their own guilt by ascribing their irregularities to his influence. The Board are willing to overlook what has occurred, especially as from the annihilation of Tippoo's Government in the neighbouring Districts & the substitution of that of the Company he will feel himself more dependant thereon and be the less likely to hazard their displeasure by a resistance to or disobedience of their authority but they direct that you summon the Poligar to attend you when you will explain the indulgence shown by such forgiveness and warn him of the consequences that will result from any future misconduct requiring at the same time the immediate discharge of the arrears of Revenue due and delivering up those persons who may be

sheltered

Sheltered in his Pollum from your authority.

x This lenity to the Verupatchee Poligar the Board conceive will have a good effect and from what you represent, rather than risk that ease & comfort necessary at his advanced age, he will in future be obedient to the orders of Government.

x The Cunnuvady Poligars conduct, the Board are still willing to attribute to inexperience, and are desirous to make one more effort to save him if possible from destruction; they desire you will order him to attend you, and inform him that their lenity towards him arises in great measure from your favorable mention in regard to his abilities, & the proof he gave of his attention to your advice, (as reported by your letter of the 5th July 1799) in dismissing his manager to whose council & example you attributed his former improper conduct that the Board sincerely hope he will not be longer blind to his own interests and safety, but make a proper return to the indulgence then, and now manifested towards him by the immediate discharge of his arrears and a suitable conduct in future.

Fort St George. 9th October 1799.

I am &c
(Signed) J B Travers. Secretary.

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To Mr. T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit you the following (Circular) extract of a letter from Government dated 5th October and to desire your particular attention thereto.

"We are sensible of the necessity of punishing "every appearance of disrespect to the authority of the ..

Company

"Company that we desire you to recommend the utmost deg-
"ree of vigilance in this respect to the several Collectors
"within whose districts free merchants may have been per-
"mitted to reside.

I am &c.

Fort St George
10th October 1799.

(Signed) J B Travers
Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hardis Esquire Collector Dindigul &c.

Sir,

I have been favored with yours of the 3rd Instant and am much obliged by your intentions to accommodate the office on the issue of Coins, as much as it may in your power, and in answer to the enquiry you have made of me for that purpose. I have the honor to acquaint you that at Dindigul and any other Garrisons within the District of your management, Very, Canteroy, or any coins you know to be the currency of the place may always be issued, but for Madura & the other Garrisons within His Highness's countries it would be desirable to receive always Hully fanams and Portonovo Pagodas.

Besides the large advance with which I am already supplied by you this Month. I shall be much obliged to you for the further sum of Five thousand Pags as quick as convenient for the Detachment in the Field.

I have &c.

Madura
10th October 1799

T B Hardis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Dear Sir,

I delay my reply to your letter in the hope of seeing Hawkins daily in his return to Trichy when I intend to attack him and to convince him if possible that he only can settle & adjust this difference by debiting it in his account, under the Head of Military charges — according to order 10th October 95. I will instantly let you

know

know the result.

You are better informed than I am in the projected removals if you include me in the Revenue Board. I have no such object for my ambition. I promise you and unfeignedly believe myself not so well qualified for that station as Thomas Cockburne, whose labours & services I must unavoidably supersede, as white mineral & now on hindarly's departure two members junior to Mr C. have been appointed.

The recent changes at Tanjore will probably make me a Judge in addition to my Residency & surely this may suffice, an unambitious man.

I am glad to hear of your success & heartily wish you may accomplish all your undertakings.

Tanjore
17th October
1799.

Yours truly
(Signed) B. Torin.

To Mr. T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I herewith inclose an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 19th October 1799.

Fort St George
October 1799.

(Signed) Chas. Woodcock.
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Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 19th October 1799.

Read Mr Thomas's answer to Audit of 8th June 1799.

1. .... Passed.
2. .... Requires no remark
3. .... Passed on the explanation given
4. .... Requires no remark.

Read letter from Mr Hurdis dated 7th September 1799 with comparative list of Servants for Fusly 1209 per mensem Pagodas 244 3/ or per annum Pags 29,316.

By the statement accompanying Mr Hurdis's letter of the 10th Instant, it appears, the gross receipts, are es-

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timated at Pagodas 1,29.84 to which the charges proposed bear about 1 pcent. The Board have not sufficient information before them to form a correct judgement of this Establishment, till then they can only rely on the Collector not employing a single servant, more than absolutely necessary, agreed to desire the Collector to submit Estimates of any other expected charges.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) Chs Wardcock
Acct. B. R.

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir

I am directed to transmit you extract of a letter from the Collector of the Poligars Peishcush and Ramnad with the determination of Government on the subject of placing the Manapara Pollums under your charge, and to desire unless the measure should be attended with inconvenience to you in the adjustment of the conquired Territories, that you will accordingly receive charge thereof.

Fort St George
19th October 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

Extract of a letter from Mr Lushington dated 27th September 1799.

As the superintendence of the sequestered Districts, and of the new system amongst the Poligars in general, will augment the business of this station in a very great degree, I am impelled by motives of public duty, as well as a regard to my own character and health, to recommend that the manapara Poligars may be placed under the Collector of Dindigul. Their distance from Ramnad, and they are yet further from Palamcottah

cotah where I may perhaps hereafter find it expedient to fix my general residence) I have constantly found an inseperable impediment to a proper superintendance of them, whilst their Vicinity to Dindigul would enable the Collector there to controal them with that promptitude and energy which they particularly require. If your Board approve of this suggestion, I recommend that it may be immediately submitted to His Lordship in Council, as the settlement of the succession in the Nattum Pollum, requires to be (and cannot be otherwise) arranged by the investigation of some Gentlemen on the spot.

Extract of a letter from Government dated 12th October 1799

We have no objection to the transfer of the Manapara Poligars, from the charge of the Collector of Poligar Peshcush, to that of the Collector of Dindigul, provided that the measure shall be attended with no inconvenience to the latter in the adjustment of the conquered Territories, lately added to his division.

(True Extracts)

G. W. Ellis
Hd. Assistant

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive copy of your Register of Bills for the Month of September properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the Course of that Month with such remarks annexed as

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appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &c.

Fort St George
20th October 1799

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

Register of Bill for the Month of September 1799.

1799 September	2d	1 Bill by Mr B. Torin Resident at Tanjore on account of advances to the Paymaster of Dindigul in the Government	S Ps 13,700	F	C
			Transferred 30th Septr 1799		
			St. Pags. 13,700	"	"

Dindigul 1st October 1799.
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(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Ad Collector

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. W. Ellis
Hd Assistant

From the Tahsildar of Pilauchy, dated 23d October 1799.

On the 20th Instant as some people were coming from Malligaitam to Animally with ... Bullock loads of rice, they were attacked at midday about 5 malabar miles to the westward of that place by some Malasers, who killed six women and one man, took every thing they had about them and went off. The Animally Ayots wrote me word of this business and the same hour I received their slip. I set out with all the people, who were in this place and arrived at the spot where the people had been murdered 11 malabar hours before day break upon seizing the malasers of Animally and enquiring of them respecting the affairs they told me it was the Thalasers of Aulaiyenpathry who carried away the

plunder

plunder on going to surround that Village the Malasers seized their cudgels came out to oppose us, struck one of the Circar peons and were coming to attack me, by the devine favor the peon will live, & I by your favor escaped every danger and seized thirteen of the Malasers, took of the property they seized from the murdered people Three womens neck ornaments & 1 leather bag for holding grain, from the homes of the Malasers in that Village

Arlayenpathy being on the bounds of Cohingodes, near to those of Yetumasaig, belonging to Yetapa Gounden, & bordering also on meeneury of Cohingodes, the place of the Parthuvamully. I moved to Yetapa Gounden of Yetumasaig. The whole affairs brought away the thirteen Malasers to Pylache and put them in prison.

Upon insisting on a positive account from the Malasers they said as follows.

"It is true that we did murder and rob the "six women and one man in all seven people of those who "were coming by the said way. What we plundered was "3 women's neck ornaments and 1 leather bag to put grain "in. There are 4 other people who were with us at the "robbery and murder. They all ran away & in their "possession are 1 pair of earring & 1 necklace which they "carried away.

All this they verified. I sent to the presence two of the declarations & 1 of the woman's neck ornaments as a muster. The other two being kept here more are still on the cannel two or three more

Malaser

Malaser Villages, from which they commit iniquities robbing and murdering the passengers who go and come along the roads.

These places being near to Colungodi if a Jaheed is ordered to the Rajah of that place, the Collery mischief will be put a stop to.

Among the Malasers seized are 2 woman 1 old man and one boy. These four people I shall carry & place in Anamally. The other 7 Malasers are carefully confined in prison at Pylatchy.

In respect to this business I wait your orders. a Ryot who was lately coming from Mallyalam to the westward with a Bullock load of rice carried close to the bounds of Corlishiddypalium at death, when 4 or 5 Colleries came, seized the Bullocks load and carried it away into a Ryots cultivation when they concealed themselves.

On sending for the owner of the field and enquiring into this business, he said it was a Musulman who stole the load and concealed it in his cultivation. When the Musulman was seized and questioned he asserted that it was true. I have therefore kept him in prison.

Declaration of Moopen Caulaum of Aritaiyen-pathy dated 23^d^ October 1799 or 10th Arpisy.

Caulaum, Cutten, & Moyappen Malasers of our Villages. When the people were bringing burthens of rice from Mullialum by our Village, murdered 6 women and one man, in all, seven people and carried away from them 2 woman neck ornaments & one leather bag, which they placed in their houses in our Village.

People

People concerned with these three in the murder were Ammacalum Moolen, Ketchen and Veren who all run away having in their possession 1 Pair of Gonies and 1 necklace.

This is what I know.

(Signed) Moopen Caulaun

Declaration of Caulaun Royen and Cutten of Artal-yenpatty dated 25 October 1799 &c. Deposed

When the people were coming from Malialum with load of rice by way of our Village to Animally Sine of seven murdered Six women and one man and plundered them of 3 women's neck ornaments and leather bag which were in our possession of us seven people four run away and carried with them 1 pair of earrings and 1 neck lace. 10 Cheins were taken. This is the truth of us seven people who committed the murder.

(Signed) Caulaun Cutten Royen

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul

Sir,

Permit me to request of you an advance of 1800 Pags. for my disbursements of the ensuing Month.

Madura
25 October 1799

I have &c.

(Signed)

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge your letter of the 11th Inst. & to express their regret that you should have addressed them in so irregular and exceptionable a mode.

In regard to the contradiction noticed in my letter of the 9th Instant in the evidence The

Board

Board principally alluded to the declaration of —
Manapa Chetty, and your own remark thereon respect-
ing the Peons of Neerapachun.

As you appear so decidedly of opinion
that the Vannicady & Neerapatchee Poligars will
not pay attention to your summons for their at-
tending at your Cutchery, the Board think you
should have explained this opinion to them, before
requiring their attendance adverting however to the
change that has taken place in the Government of
the neighbouring Country, the recent examples made
for contumacy in other quarters & the check placed over
those Poligars by reoccupying the Post at Pallattore
the Board trust if their orders have been conveyed
to them, as expressed in my letter of the 9th Inst,
that they will comply with what they would
perceive was intended as an act of lenity and
forgiveness and a last effort to save them from
ruin a copy of your summons the Board desire
you will forward for their information.

Fort St George; True Copy
26th October 1799. (Signed) J. B. Travers.
Secretary.

To J. B. Hurdis Esqr Collector of Dindigul &c.

Sir,
I have the pleasure to enclose Extract of
a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
dated 19th with extract of a letter from Government
to that Board of the 12th Instant, conveying their assent
to a recommendation made by the Collector of Ramnad
to transfer the charge of the Manapara Poligars from him
to you.

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It is my intention to defer any Toped to the Manapara Poligars until you shall have informed me that the inconvenience alluded to in Governments' letter is not likely to result from this addition to your Collectorship, or shall have signified, in any manner your acquiescence to the measure.

I have &c.

Ramnad
27 October 1799

(Signed) H. Graeme
Asst. Collector.

Extract of a letter from J. B. Travers Secretary to the Board of Revenue to S. R. Lushington Collector of Poligars Peshcush and Ramnad dated 19 October 1799.

"The Board having laid before Govt. "your letters of the 27 proposing to put the Manapara Pollam under the authority of the Collr of Dindigul I am directed to transmit for your information and guidance Copy of their reply and to direct that you make over to the Collector at Dindigul the Manapara pollam should be state no inconvenience to the adjustment of the Conquered Countries by the charge being placed under him.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. Graeme Asst. Collr

Extract of a letter from Government to the Board of Revenue dated 12 October 1799.

We have no objection to the transfer of the Manapara Poligars from the charge of the Collector of Poligars Peshcush, to that of the Collector of Dindigul provided that the measure shall be attended with no inconvenience to the latter, in the adjustment of the conquered Territories, lately added to his Division.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. Graeme
Asst. Coll.

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector of Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd Inst with its enclosures

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In my letter of the 26th the Board expressed a hope that if their orders of the 9th Inst were conveyed to the Poligars of Cunnivady & Veerapautchee in the spirit in which they were dictated they would comply there with as the object of their orders was to throw an oblivion on the past. They are therefore sorry to observe in your letters to the Veerupatchee Poligar a harshness of style which must have left him in doubt of the intention of the Circar tho' it did at the same time secure to him a safe return to his Pollam. The event has proved how much more desirable it would have been, for you to have made a previous reference under the impression you had of the probable conduct of the Poligar, before transmitting to him the order for his attendance, that the Board might have had an opportunity of furnishing you with more full instructions as to the mode of carrying their orders into execution.

They are now placed in the unsatisfactory predicament of at once following up your recommendation of coercion or of appearing in some degree to compromise the authority of Government; yet considering the changes that have lately taken place, which leave the Poligars without a refuge and the recent severe examples which have been made in the neighbouring Country in consequence of resistance to the orders of Government, they cannot but be of opinion on a review of all the circumstances of the case that another chance of submission should be allowed the Veerupatchee Poligar, they therefore direct you to inform him, that having submitted his improper conduct to the Board of Revenue, they

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are very much displeased at his noncompliance with your orders, which were meant to convey offers of lenity and forgiveness for past offences and which did assure him of safety in coming to Dindigul and returning from thence to Verupatchee but that in consideration of his advanced age they have authorized you to give him another chance of making his submission, and you will point out to him how futile any resistance of the Company's power must prove, especially now that he has no refuge in the neighbouring Country; you will also explain to him what has been the fate of the Pundalumcourchy Poligar in consequence of his impotent resistance of the orders of the Circar, at the same time you will explicitly inform him, that if he delays a compliance with this last summons three days after its receipt, he will not only subject himself to exemplary punishment but that his Pollam will be forfeited to himself & heirs for ever.

The Board being aware how much the impression made on the minds of people of this description depends upon the Idea entertained by them of the personal disposition of the executive officer towards them, they further direct me to inform you they rely for the success of their orders, on your zealous & temperate execution of them.

Fort St George.
27th October 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J. H. Travers.
Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul &c

Sir,

The Poligar Peishcush Collector not being able to supply me with the whole that I have indented for I have to request the further advance

of

of 4,400 Star Pagodas from your Treasury for the ensuing month of November.

Madura
30th October 1799

I have &c.
(Signed) Robt Hughes
Paymaster

To Mr Thomas B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

The Board direct me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th and to return you the Register of Bills therein enclosed properly authenticated.

Fort St George
1st November 1799.

I am &c.
(Signed) J B Travers
Secretary

Register of Vouchers for the Month of August 1799.

			Star Pags	f	c	
1799: August	3d	1 Bill by Mr Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General	4,000	"	"	not received.
	12	1 Do. by Do. on Do.	200	"	"	Do.
		Star Pagodas	4200	"	"	

Dindigul 1st September 1799
E. Excepted &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. G. Wright.
Asst. Pay. Acct.

Compared Ram Row Cashkeeper.

Register of Bills for the Month of July 1799.

			Star Pags	F	C	
1799 July	8th	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Dindigul on the Military Paymaster General.	346	..	13	Transferred on 31st August 1799
	21st	1 Ditto by Ditto on Ditto	4000	..	..	not received
		Star Pagodas	4346	..	13	

Dindigul 1st August 1799.

Errors Excepted &c.

(Signed) T. B. Hardis.
Collector.

N.B. The Bill for 4000 Pags was sent to the resident at Tanjour from whom no receipt is yet come.

(Signed) T. B. Hardis
Collector.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) W. G. Wright
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Register of Bills for the Month of July 1799.

			S Pag	F	C	
1799 July	8th	1 Bill by Mr. Robert Hughes Paymaster of Madura on the Military Paymaster General.	346	..	13	Bill received & transferred on the 31st Augt 1799
	21st	1 Ditto by the resident at Tanjour for Cash advanced the Madura Paymaster on Government.	4000	..	..	Do. transferred to the 31st Septbr 1799
		Star Pagodas	4346	..	13	

Dindigul 1st August 1799.

Errors Excepted &c.

(Signed) T. B. Hardis
Collector.

A true Copy

(Signed) J. W. Ellis
As. Asst.

Register of Bills for the Month of August 1799.

1799			Pags	F	C	
August	3d	1 Bill by the Resident at Tanjour for Cash advanced the Madura Paymaster on Government	4000			Bill received & transferred to the 30th Septr 1799
	12th	1 Ditto by Ditto on Ditto	200	"		Do Do
		Star Pagodas	4200	"	"	

Dindigul 1st September 1799.

Errors Excepted pr.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

(A true Copy)
Signed J. W. Ellis
Hd Assistant.

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir, I am directed by the Board to desire you will reply to the points of information required from your district under date 25 January 1799 and of which you were reminded on the 8th January 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary.

Fort St George
7th November 1799

To J. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir, As I shall leave the Residency in a few days, to begin the survey of Mysore & am desirous of settling my small money concerns here as soon as possible, I will esteem it a very particular favor of you will be pleased to give me a Bill on any ... house men for the pay of July & August the 2 Months I was desired by Government & authorized by the Revenue Board to put myself

under

under & draw those allowances from you.

My subsequent appointment to act in conjunction at Captain Mackinzee was unsolicited and strongly recommended by the commissioners of Mysore & commenced the 4th of September it is expected the survey of the Conquered Country will afterwards be entered upon in detail if so I shall have much pleasure in undertaking the Coimbatore Country.

I have &c
Signed John Mather

Madras
8th November 1799.

To Mr T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

The Board direct me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st Ultimo, and to inform you, that as the Sinnamon sent by you appears to be of a very inferior kind the introduction of it into the market might be attended with inconvenience & they therefore recommend your attention to the introduction of the best species from Ceylon. The Board approve of your forwarding samples of the different species you may procure.

Fort St George
12th November 1799.

I am &c
(Signed) J B Travers
Secretary

Thomas B Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of enclosing a Bill for the Sheep &c according to your account in your letter of the 6th October 1799.

Bill is not found

Trichinopoly
15th November 1799.

I am &c
Signed W Hawkins
Paymaster.

Thomas B Hurdis Esquire Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing a Bill on the Military Payr Genl for the Paddy (8100) mer-

-calls.

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called delivered to my Comissary at Errode which certainly was received without any orders from me but that quantity having been brought to account in my return of Grain forwarded to the Military Board, it must I conceive remain in Garrison Store.

Trichinopoly
19th November 1799

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Hawkins
Comy Grain

To Mr. J. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir, I am directed by the Board to acquaint that Mr. George Garrow has been appointed deputy Secretary by Government to this Board.

(Circular)

Fort St. George
22d November 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

Declaration of Vencatachelum Iyen respecting the race and generation of the Sittam Poligars dated 23d November 1799.

The family of the aforesaid Pollam are of the Cumbalum Cast the Yar Paren tribe. Condy Lingama Naig the son of Immedi Lingama Naig had during his Government these wives of the Cumbalum Cast whom he married and two others named China Taiy and Peria Taiy the daughter of the Ilpiar man by a woman of another cast upon whom he put the Tallee.

Of the aforesaid these Cumbalum women he had born of Muttamma Shokalingam Naig who succeeded to the Government & who begot Condo Lingama Naig who also succeeded his father in the Government But died having no son. On considering who should be the succeessor the family were thus situated.

The first mentioned Fonde Lingama Naig had by the aforesaid Teree Taiy a son named Immodi Lingama Naig who married into the Cum-Calam Cast & had a son born to him called Fonde Lingama Naig who died as did his father. Where by the race by the Teree Taiy became extinct. By Chinna Taiy the first mentioned Fonde Lingama Naig had a son called Yerathary Lingama Naig, who married a woman of the Cumbalum Cast & had born of her body Comara Lingama Naig, who was at this time 18 years old on consulting who should succeed to the Pullum after Thokalingama Naig's son Fonde Lingama who had now departed this life, the people of the country fixed on the aforesaid boy Comaralinga-ma Naig the son of Yerathary Lingama Naig who was born of Chinna Taiy by the first mentioned Fonde Lingama Naig his boy, Comara Lingama Naig was in consequence placed on the Pullum his father being too old a man. He reigned for many years, married four women of his own Cast & three daughters of the Ilpicor man of the same cast likewise. On one girl also of another Cast he put the Pottoo.

Of these eight women, by two of the Cum-balum Cast he had no children, by Annammal he had two sons the eldest of which died. The younger named Mootoo Lingama Naig, succeeded to the Government and married three women of the Cum-balam Cast by whom he had no children of the three daughters. Of the Ilpicor man married to

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the last mentioned Comara Leingama Naig two of them had no children one of them Chinna Mee natchee Ammal had a child named Immodi Leingama Naig. Nul Ammal the fourth of the Cumbalam wives of Comara Leingama Naig had one Son named Soobasawmy who died.

By Verayee the woman of another Cast on whom he put the Tallee he had three boys & five girls. The eldest of the boys was named Mootiah & married three women of the Cumbalum Cast, but died without any Children by them. The second was named Shokien the third, Yerathar thiyen & of the five girls two were given in marriage to Chinnama Naig of the Cumbalum Cast. The other three are yet unmarried. Thus were Circumstances (when Mulla Leingama Naig died childless) & Immodee Leingama Naig son of Comara Leingama Naig by Meenatchee Ammal the daughter of the Ilpiar man succeeded to the Government. This man lately died without children.

Thus of Comara Leingama Naig by his four combala wives three daughters of the Ilpiar man and one girl of a foreign Cast in all eight. He had a Seven Sons & five daughters, of the sons five are dead & the only two now living are the aforesaid Shokien and Yerathar thiyen besides whom there is no one person to succeed to the Pallam of this Country of Nattam we hope therefore that by the favor & protection of the Company they may be fixed

in the said Pettam the people of Nuttam have desired me to write them for your information.

Written as desired by the people of the Country.

(Signed) Venkatachalum Pillay

21st Sep

Declaration given by Coopen 23 November 1799.

Formerly when this Country was annexed to the Carnatick, seven boys by the Cumbalum Caste by one Mother came from Chunthiragerry to the northward to the Nuttam district. These boys were quarrelling among themselves about who of them should be placed on Puttam. Upon which the head men of the district assembling and enquiring into the cause of the dispute desired they would all go to the Pagoda of their God there take each of them a pot and whosoever pot boiled first should take the Government.

Thus being accordingly settled among them they all went to the Pagoda & took each a pot. One of which boiled before the others, and the man before whom it was, was in consequence appointed to the Government. His name was Lingama naig. He appointed his younger brother next in line to him as head of the Caste. His name was Cutta Naig & to him all people of his tribe the Cumbalars and all the Ryots paid respect and adoration.

The other five brothers travelled to various countries at their pleasure.

My present Master, Cutta Naig is descended in a right line of generation from the aforesaid Cuttee Naig & they are consequently relations.

relations Immodee Lingama Naig who lately died and the present Mootoo Lingama Naig son of Cutta Naig were relations fifteen generations removed.

In the year Sadarana or 1783 — In the time of Mohomed Isof Cawn at Madura when Connara Leingama Naig was driven away and the Nattam Pollum assumed one Shoka Pelly came to manage the Country when he had inquired into the right of Succession to the Pollum he went to Mohummud Isof Cawn at Madura to inform him that there was one Cutta Naig of the race of the original Lingama Naig who was the owner of the Pollam and who ought in consequence to be placed on the Pollam upon which he was sent back to Nattam and Cutta Naig was placed on the Pollam where he governed for six months. As therefore the present Cutta Naig is by the death of Immodee Leingama Naig the only remaining descendant of the ancient family & as the aforesaid Cutta Naig was in possession of the Pollum for six months. The present Mootoo Leingama Naig his younger brother is the rightful owner of the Nattam Pollum, and on him your greatness is entreated to show abundant favors.

(Signed) Cooper

2^d Declaration given by Cooper 23^d Novr 1799.

Of the connexion by affinity between the lately deceased Immodee Leingama Naig & the present Mootoo Leingama Naig by the female side.

Iperathanthy Leingama Naig the grand father of the lately deceased Leingama Naig had two wives. The first named Tirthee ammal

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whose father was Serea Vellamma Naig. In the annual had two brothers by the same mother. The elder named Tarthammy Naig who had two sons and the like number of daughter, the eldest of the latter was named Serea Chinnammal. The younger Tarthammal. Serea Chinnammal was the head wife of Comara Lingama Naig father to the lately deceased Singamanaig.

Tarthammal was married to the present Moolloolingama Naigs Father, Cutta Naig, by whom he had this boy. Younger Brother was named Cotiah Naig whose daughter — Kistnammal was married to Toobalingama Naig the son of Immodee Lingama Naig head mother.

This is a relationship three degrees removed on the women's side.

(Signed) Coopien.

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esq.r Collector South of the Nole &c. Dindigul.

Sir, My disbursements for the ensuing month requiring from your office the sum of Twelve thousand Star Pagodas. I will thank you to direct the same to be advanced me as early in the month as possible.

Madura 25th November 1799.

I have &c.
(Signed) Robert Hughes
Paymaster.

To Mr. T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 13th Instant I have to inform you, that the letter alluded to in mine of the 7th Instant requiring information from your

your districts should have been the 11th December 1798 of which I send you duplicate and request your attention thereto.

Fort St George
26th Nov. 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secretary

John G Ravenshaw Esqr.
Assistant Collector at Dindigul

Sir

I am in anxious expectation of receiving the papers relating to the Manapara Pollums from Ramnad, and will, immediately on their arrival comply with Mr. Hurdis's wish conveyed in your letter of 20th Instant.

I am sorry you should have so much cause for Complaint against the She-vegungah Sherogar & am Surprised at the disregard he has paid to my Takeeds directing him to make restitution of the cattle plundered in part by the Malavotty Colleries, & to avoid any interference in the succession to the Nuttam Pollum. I have this day therefore repeated them in stronger terms & I trust they will produce the desired effect.

Colarpatty
28th Nov. 1799

I have &c.
(Signed) H. Graeme
Assistant Collector

To Mr. Thomas B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of Bills for the Month of October properly authenticated, which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted

transmitted in the Course of that month with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am &c.

Fort St. George 27th Novr. 1799 (Signed) Geo. Garrow Depy. Secy.

Register of Bills for the Month of October 1799.

1799 October	10th	Bill by Mr. Robt. Hughes Paymaster of Madura on the Military Paymaster General	20000	"	"	Bill received on 19th October 1799.
	10th	1 Do. by Do. Do.	5000	"	"	Do. in 24th Do.
		Star Pagodas	25000	"	"	

Dindigul 1st Novr. 1799.

E. E. R.

(Signed) F. B. Hurdis. Collector.

A true Copy (Signed) Geo. Garrow Depy. Secy.

To Mr. F. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir, Circular

A statement having been required by Government of all expenses incurred in the late Mysore war, I have to request you will, without delay, inform me of all Sums disbursed by you on this account, for which Bills have not been granted on the General Department.

The early transmission of this account is absolutely necessary to enable me to afford Government the information required, as sums may be included in the total of your account particulars, which from that cause I may be un-

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able to discriminate

I am &c.
(Signed) Geo. Read
A.B.R

Fort St George
30th Novr 1799

To Mr T. B. Hurdis Collector at Dindigul
Sir; Permit me to request you will forward to my office a copy of the D. C & B of the Dindigul District for the 12th July 1799 that already transmitted having become from frequent use unserviceable; precluding at the same time the possibility of a correct copy being taken from it.

I am &c.
(Signed) Geo. Read
A.B.R

Fort St George
3d December 1799

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul
Sir; I do myself the pleasure to send you an account shewing the established amount of each of the Manapara Poligar's Peshcush; and the period fixed for their Payment & also an account specifying the balances due by several of them in the date of my Takeed to the Poligars informing of the transfer of their Pollums to your charge.

On the balance due by Chidumbarum & which has long been considered desperate to be able to afford you explanation in a few days. The man himself (who was appointed Tahsildar of Manapara by Mr London and dismissed for misconduct which relates to this balance) is at present in Madras, his security however I lately took into confinement, in consequence of an

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intimation from the Board of Revenue, that Mr Jackson had not received their sanction to the release of the Tahsildar for whom he is security his name is Moottooramatchee Pilly & is an inhabitant of Ramnad; his pecuniary circumstances I understand to be inadequate to the discharge of the money in question, but he promises if he be released to cause the appearance of Chidumbarum within two months. I have therefore written to the Board of Revenue to know if they have any objection to this term being granted to him, on condition that he name a person, of property, and an inhabitant of Ramnad, who will consent to be answerable for his appearance, or the balance, at the expiration of it.

I have this day received many of the Manapara Papers, but those relating to Nuttam & which were placed seperately for the purpose of being dispatched the earlier than the rest, have been omitted to be sent. I shall therefore detain these until the Nuttum ones arrive. My absence from Ramnad has been the cause of this considerable delay, although some is allowable for seperation of the Manapara papers in the Records; from those which respect other subjects.

Colarpully
5 December 1799.

I have &c
Signed H Graeme
Assistant Collector

Manapara		1st This due on the 1st January 1797			2d Do 1st March			3d Do 11th May 1797			Total Jemmah		
		S Pgs	f	c	S Pgs	f	c	S Pgs	f	c	S Pgs	f	c
Maroongapoory	1	1000	"	"	1100	"	"	1125	"	"	3225	"	"
Ramagerry	2	1100	"	"	1100	"	"	1195	"	"	3395	"	"
Nattum	3	700	"	"	800	"	"	833	12	"	2333	12	"
Comaravady	4	900	"	"	900	"	"	1001	24	"	2801	24	"
Cadavoor	5	800	"	"	800	"	"	933	12	"	2533	12	"
Veeramaly	6	500	"	"	600	"	"	600	"	"	1700	"	"
Tojamaly	7	50	"	"	60	"	"	61	8	30	171	8	3.
(Signed) H Graeme Assistant Collr		5050	"	"	5360	"	"	5749	20	30	16,157	20	30

An account shewing the Balance due by the Manapara Poligars to the date delivered charge to Mr Hurdis Collr at Dindigul

	Balance of Fusly 1203			Balance of Fusly 1208			Total		
	S Pgs	f	c	S Pgs	f	c	S Pgs	f	c
Desperate Balance which is due from the late Tahsildar Chidumbarum Pillay	3225	7	35	"	"	"	3225	7	35
Nattam Poligar	"	"	"	840	6	7	840	6	7
Veermally Poligar	"	"	"	23	2	15	23	2	15
Tojamally Poligar	"	"	"	4	1	17	4	1	17
Total	3225	7	35	867	10	7	4092	17	44
(Signed) H Graeme Asst Collr									

To Mr Thomas B Hurdis, Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo.

The Board approve of the measure you have adopted for the present management of the Nattam Pollum and Sanction your proposed Moyen Zabitah amounting to Star Pagodas 25 for the purpose.

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As occasion presents itself for investigating the Revenues of the Pollam while enquiring into the claims of Skokien & Curta Naigue the Board consent to your doing so and direct that you communicate to them the result of your inquiries as to the right on which these two persons found their claims transmitting a genealogical Table of the late Poligars Family.

Mr. Lushington under date 13th June last informed the Board of the death of the Seera Naigue of Ramgherry but they were unacquainted until the receipt of your letter with the death of his son Vattanah Naigue whose succession to the Ramgherry Pollam was sanctioned by Government under date 1st September 1798. They therefore desire you will inform them the date of his demise & when & by whom Comara Alagoo Sherogar was appointed to the charge of the Pollum you will further inform the Board of his character & whether he be related to the infant son of Vettana Naigue whose claim to the Pollum will be submitted for the sanction of Government.

Should your report be favorable as to the responsibility of the present Predaun the Board are of opinion he may be continued in the future charge of the Pollum & the education of the minor entering into a Muchalka for these purposes and giving Security for his good conduct if you should experience the difficulty you apprehend from the

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orders of the Poligars family having more weight with him than those of the Circar it will not be difficult to displace him.

Fort St George
1st December 1797

I am &c
(Signed) J.B. Travers
Secretary

P.S. Since closing the above your Letter of the 30th ultimo has been received and you will as early as possible receive further Orders in regard to Ramgherry

(Signed) J.B.T.
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Same Nuttum Pollum

To T. B. Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul

Sir

Enclosed is translate and copy of a letter from the Manapara Ukbarsetaveez dated 21st July 1797 with a genealogical Table of the late Nuttum Poligar's family, and addresses from different inhabitants of the Pollum forwarded at the same time

The rest of the Manapara Papers have this day been dispatched by Cooly.

Colarpully
11th December 1797

I have &c
(Signed) H Graeme
Asst Collr

Translation of a letter from the Tehsildar at Manapara dated 21st July 1797 Recd 24th

Acknowledging the Takeed sent him recapitulating the contents, & reporting as follows.

Agreeable to the orders I received, I left Ramgherry & proceeded to the Nuttum Pollum, and immediately after sent a message to the inhabitants, Nattamakars, Chetties, Merchants, & others (who were retired from Nuttum) to assemble immediately. They having accordingly returned, I inquired minutely

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into the predecessor and ancestors of the deceased Poligar far from generations backward of which I obtained from them a genealogical Table No. 2 which I herewith enclose with their signatures affixed & for the Correctness of which they attested in presence of a Church. Besides which the principal servants, Sumpredy & Thirogar of Nattum have given a Declaration No. 3 asserting, that a relation (by blood) of the deceased Poligar by name Kurta naig has a son named Mootoolingama naig. That as he is by blood entitled to the Pollum, that Mohamad Issoph Cawn, when he (35 years ago) took the Pollum from Comaralingama naig the father of the late deceased Poligar, that Chokaya Pillah the Karbar, had invited the said Kurta naig to return to the Pollum, and having instaled him to the Pollum, that he had accordingly held the Government of it for six months. Consequently as he has now a son of eight years old, the late Poligar designed to adopt him for his successor, that accordingly he had, an hour prior to his death, sent men to bring the son of Kurta naig, but that previous to the arrival of the Boy, he departed this life — and therefore, that it was their unanimous opinion that he (the boy) should be alone instated in the succession to the Pollum.

Several of the inhabitants, Nattamagars, Chetties, & merchants, have also given their Declaration No. 4 that if the son of Kurta naig be instated in the succession to the Puttam, it would be satisfactory to them, in which they have represented particularly of whatever had passed, & have affixed their signatures thereto.

The Kumbalatars or those nearly related by blood to the late Poligar have also given a similar Declaration No. 5 in favor of the said Kurta naigs son,

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have stated the particulars that passed previous to the death of the Poligar, & have affixed their signatures thereto.

The whole of the Mahayenungol belonging to the Pollum, has also given a similar declaration in favor of the said Kurta Naig's son & have affixed their signatures thereto making No 6

Several of the Nattamagars, Chetties, & merchants have on the other hand given a Declaration No 7 that it would be satisfactory to them if Chokien, the natural son of the late Poligar's father, be instaled to the Pollum, & that Curta Naig was but a distant relation of Tingeeim Naig the deceased Poligar.

Having questioned the Manager of Pollum by name Hoopien, his reasons for having quitted the Pollum immediately after the interment of the Poligar, he gave me a declaration in writing.

Four Nattamekars who visited Coopien the Manager, when he was proceeding from the Pollum, have also given a declaration of which passed at the time, with their signatures affixed thereto. No 9

Meenamal, the mother of the late Poligar having delivered a letter from herself No 10 I herewith enclose it with the foregoing declarations together with the genealogical account.

Having inquired into the cause that deprived the late Poligar's grand father of the Pollum, and how his son (the father of the late Poligar) became entitled to it whilst his father was not, I was given to understand that it was because he (the grand father of the late Poligar by name Yeratandoo Lingama Naig) was a natural son of his father, by name Tondee Lingama Naig, the

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great grand father of the late Poligar. Consequently he was not entitled to the Puttam, but that as he (Yeralcauder Lingama Naig) was married to a girl from the family of the Cumbalatars, that his issue by her (who afterwards became the father of the late Poligar, was considered entitled to the Puttam & accordingly instated by the name of Comaralingama Naig Father of the late Poligar.

Chokyen, the natural son of the late Poligars Father, is now removed from Chockalingapuram Village (where he resided heretofore) to Hoorney putty a Village situated at the distance of two miles to the east of Nuttam, & has with him, one hundred men belonging to the Cherckar of Shevaganga and 150 men that joined him lately from Nuttam.

One hundred men from Comaravauty, & one hundred from Culliaputty Pollum of Madura, have been sent to the mother of the late Poligar, in order to support her. Cawmia Naig, the Poligar of the latter Pollum, had been lately at Coilumputty Village of Nuttum, where he remained three days & then returned to Culliaputty.

I also herewith enclose a Letter I received from the said Chokyen Hoorney putty Koll

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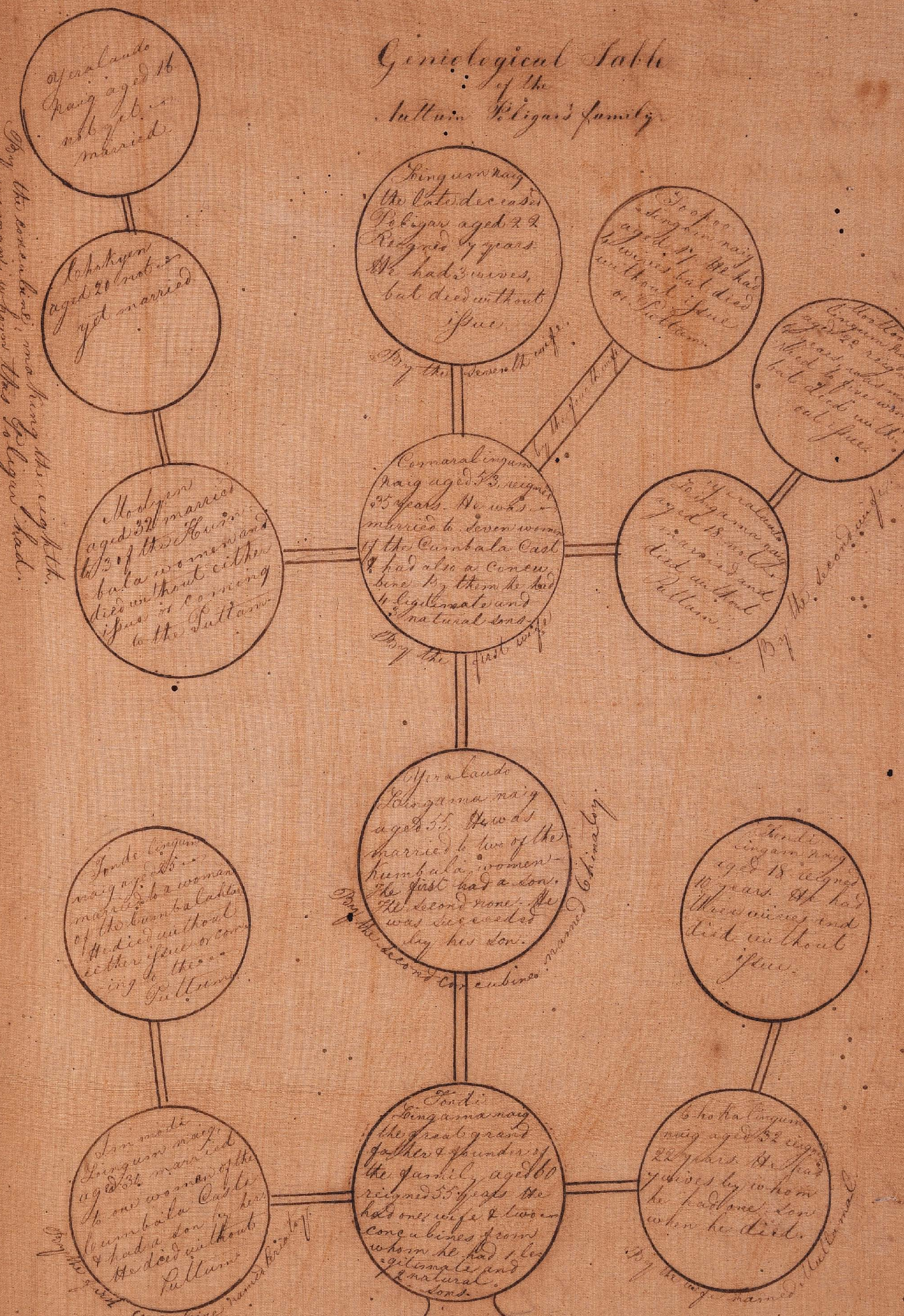
Geniological Table of the Nattum Poligars family



The principal servants Inhabitants Nattamkars Tumperdy, Conicapelly, Chitties merchants Mohajanums and all others have certified the last from generation of the Nattum Poligars as follows.

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That the great grand father of the late Poligar by name Tonthi Lingum naig was 60 years of age, that he held the Government for a period of 55 years. That he had a wife from the Cumbalat Caste by name Mullamal and two concubines named Perratoy and Chinnatoy. That he had a son by his wife, whose name was Chekabinga naig aged 32 who reigned 22 years, and had seven wives from the lawful Castes. He had but one son named Tondilingama Naig, aged 18 years and he reigned 11 years. He was married to three women from the lawful caste, but had no issue. As Tondi Lingama naig the great grand father had a natural son from Perratoy 1 of his two concubines of 30 years of age, he was married to a girl of the Cambalat (the lawful Caste, & had a son by her, by name of Tondilingam naig of 25 years of age, and was married to a girl of the Kambalat, but had no issue. The second concubine (named Chinnatoy) of Tondilingama naig (the great grand father) having had a son of 55 years of age named Yeralaudo Lingama naig, he was married in the Kumbalat & had a son in his reign and in the reign of the grand son of Tondilingam naig (the great grand father) the two grand sons of Perratoy (the first of the two concubines of the said Tondilingum naig) died. Yeralaudo Lingum naig son of Chinnatoy the second concubine of the great grand father, was not instaled to the Pattam, but his son Comaralinga naig was instaled and he became the father of the late deceased Poligar, his age 53 & he reigned 35 years. He was married to seven women from the Kumbalum,

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and had also a concubine. The name of the first wife was Chinnamal and she had no son. The name of the second was Mancadoo Unnamal. She had two sons. The name of the elder was Yeradaulo Soingam naig, aged 18 years, he died before he was married and was not in the Puttam. The youngest was called Moottoolingum naig, his age was 22 and reigned 4 years. He had five wives & died without issue. The third wife named Soingamal had no child. The fourth named Vallamal had a son named Chokalinga naig, aged 17. He had four wives and died without issue and did not obtain the Puttam. The fifth wife named Comaramaal, and the sixth named Periamoonamaal died without issue. The seventh named Chinnamoonamaal whose son was the late Poligar aged 22 and reigned seven years. He has three wives without issue. The concubine's name Veeroy, she had three sons and five daughters. The elder of the sons Moottoo is aged 32 years. He had three wives, married to the Kambalat but died without issue and without attaining the Puttam. The next to him is Chokun, and who is yet on married, and his brother named Yeralaudo Iyen is also not yet married. Two of their sisters are married to Nulgondumpatty Kambalat Chinnamanaig. The other three sisters are not yet married.

We, the principal servants, Sumperdy, Concopoly, inhabitants Nattamgars Mahajenungol Chetties & Merchants Sherogars &c, do hereby certify and solemnly declar in presence of Kylasanada Swamy's

Church

Church at Coolpatty village of Nuttum, that the above geni=
ological table of the late Poligars of Nuttum from our late
Poligar to four generations backward is correct from what we
had heard, and have been an eye witness of some of the
Reigns, that there is no error in it, & for the truth of which
we subscribe our names

(Signed) by a considerable number of persons.

We do hereby certify that we have been an eye
witness of and heard the foregoing number of men declare
and solemnly take their oath in Kylasanada Swamy's
Church, that the contents of the Geniological Table
alluded to is perfectly correct and true in every respect,
having myself poured the Toolshee water in their hands.

(Signed) Seebaroy the Priest.

Witnesses.
- Hunnama Naig Jacob naveez.
- Sheshier Sumpudy.
- Seeba Naig Havildar of the Guard at Manaparah to Captain Henry

Translation of No.

Declaration of the Manager, principal Servants, Sumperdies and Sherogars of Nuttum, made to the Collector Mr. Lushington.

As our late deceased Poligar Lingum Naiger had no issue, and as he had no brothers, he, from a great regard towards Kurta Naig, had, ever since his return from Sundragherry, granted him a Village and treated him respectfully, in consideration of his ancient relationship. In the year Sittrabaun or A.D. 1761

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the then manager of our Pollum named Chokia Pillah having entered into a conspiracy with Mahumud Ifsoop Cawn Saib at Madura had Comaralinga naig the then Poligar dispossessed of his Pollum and had Kurta naig instaled in his room. He held the Government for 8 Months. Our Poligar Comaralinga naig (the father of the late deceased Poligar thereupon went to Trichinopoly and having solicited the protection of His highness the Nabob Wallajah, His Highness sent him along with the army which marched against the said Mahumud Ifsoop Cawn Saib of Madura, and having banished the said Kurta naig, had our Poligar instaled to the Pollum. Kurta naig then retired to one of the Circar Villages of Madura. As our late Poligar had no issue, and as the said Kurta naigs son was truly related to him, it was his intention to adopt him for his successor, and in order to receive him in a propitious month & day into his palace, he had him removed to Palapully Village, where he kept him & granted him lands &c. previous to the death of our late Poligar by the Small pox he sent for the said Kurta naigs son by name Mootoolingum, to adopt him for the succession but happened to die before his arrival. We therefore defered the execution of it until we obtained the Company's permission. As he is the son of one who had formerly held the Government of our Pollum, as he is truly related to our late Poligar, and as he is deserving of the Pollum, we request that the Company will have him instaled in the succession to the Pollum, and support us and our lady. We hereby affix our signatures for the truth

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of our declaration, that the son of the said Kurta naig is by right entitled to the Puttum by his relationship to our late deceased Poligar.

Signed by the Moonigar & a number of other men.

Witnesses.

We certify that the above declaration had been written and signed by the Subscribers in our presence.

(Signed) Kunnama naig froub naveez.
Theshear Tumpardy.
Sooba naig Havaldar.
of the Guard of Captn. Henny's Battn.

Translation of No. 4.

Declaration given by several of the Nattamckars Chetties and Merchants of the Nuttam Pollum.

As our late deceased Poligar's Lingum naig had no issue and as he had no brothers, Kurta naig who was in reality distantly related to him by his ancestors, about twenty or thirty years ago when Mohammud Issoeph Cawn had assumed our Puttam, the then Poligar (father to our late deceased Poligar) by name Comaralinga naig was dispossessed of the Pollum and put in possession of his Manager Chokia Pillah; who finding that he could not properly manage the Puttum in consequence of their being no Poligar, had invited the said Kurta naig and had him installed to the Puttum and he held the Puttam for six months. Comaralingum naig the Poligar therefore went to the Nabob at Trichinopoly and having solicited his support & protection, was sent along with the army that marched against Madura Cawn Saib and he then returned to Nuttum

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removed Kurta Naig, and was reinstated to the Pullum since which the said Kurta Naig was retired to one of the Circar Villages. As our late deceased Poligar had no issue to succeed him, he sent for him and proposed to adopt his son for his successor. He accordingly had three months ago sent for him, stationed him at Pullaputty Village and granted him lands &c. About an hour prior to the death of our late Poligar by name Soomady Lingum Naig, he desired his mother and the Manager to send people to bring the said Kurta Naig's son for the purpose of adopting him and they accordingly sent Poovanalingum Pillay to bring him, but previous to his arrival, he (the Poligar) departed this life. In consequence of the serious apprehensions of the Kullers no sooner was he buried, then our Lady the Karbar and Sherogars fled from the Pollum, four or five days after, our Lady and the Karbar Coopien returned to Nuttam with a number of men they collected. As Kurta Naig is truly related to our deceased Poligar, and as he designed to adopt his son for his child and successor, we therefore hope the Company will be so gracious as to have him accordingly instated to the Pullum, and thus support and protect our Lady and us.

By doing so it will be highly satisfactory to us all and we hereby certify that all we have stated is true and that there is no difference, and we willingly subscribe our names as follows.

Signed by twenty one of the Nattamekars.
by five of the Palapatich Nattamekars.

We certify that the foregoing declaration was given in writing & signed by Twenty Six of the Nattamekars

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of the Nattum Pollum. ——

Witnesses. — { Kunnamaneiag Jeoobnaveez
Theshua the Sumperdy
Sooba Naig Havaldar of the guard belonging to Captn Kenny's Battalion

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Translation of No. 5.

Declaration of the Kumbalatars Inhabitants of Nattum.

As our late deceased Poligar Simmody Lingama Naig had no issue and as he had no brothers, Kurta Naig who was in reality distantly related to him by his ancestors, and as about thirty years ago when the father of our late deceased Poligar by name Komaralinga Naig, was Poligar a misunderstanding had prevailed between him and his manager Chekia Pilly, he imposed against him —" (the Poligar) got the Circar to dispossess him of his Pollum and the said Kurta Naig appointed in his room who consequently held the Poligarship for six or seven months but the Poligar Comaralinga Naig having had recourse to the Circar of Trichinopoly, & by their support had reinstated himself in the Poligary of Nattum since which period —— the said Kurta Naig retired to one of the Circar Villages. Our late Poligar deeming it improper that his relative Kurta Naig should remain in the Circar country invited him to come and live in his — Pollum and proposed to adopt his son for his successor since he had no issue and meaning to perform the cerimoney in presence of the cast people & to bring up the child as his own. The said Kurta Naig was accordingly sent for and stationed in the Pollum and lands granted for

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his subsistance for the last two and three Months, he has accordingly established himself in Palputty Village of Nuttum. About an hour before the death of our late Poligar, he sent people to bring the said Kurta Naig's son but happened to die before he arrived. We beg that the Company will be pleased to have him instated to the Puttum and support and protection given to us and to the Mother & family of our late deceased Poligar.

Thus we have unanimously given this declaration in writing and have affixed our Signatures thereto.

Signed by the inhabitants.

Witnesses. ———— { Hunnama Naig Jevobnaveez. Sheshier Sumperdy. Sooba Naig Havildar belonging to the Guard.

Translation of No. 6.

Declaration of the Mahajenungols of Nuttum

Our late Poligar Immodylingama Naig had departed this Life without issue. Neither had he any brothers. He had not even any person related to him by blood within the last four generations. We have heard that there was one Kurta Naig related to a former Poligar preceding the last four generations, by name Lingama Naig, who was therefore however by blood any distantly related.

Mohumud Issooph Cawn of Madura having assumed the Nuttum Pollum, and caused the then Poligar Koomaralingama Naig (father to our late deceased Poligar) to elope from the Pollum, appointed his Manager Chokiapilly to manage it, but as he found that a Poligar was absolutely necessary to preserve

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the tranquility of the country, he invited the said Kurta Naig, and had him instated to the Pollum. He held the Government for six months, at the expiration of which the Poligar Komaralingama Naig, who had applied to the Nabob at Trichinopoly for support and protection was sent back with the army that marched against Madura, and he was then enabled to induce Kurta Naig to relinquish the Pollum and reinstated himself. By this we have heard, and Knew that Kurta Naig was an old relation of our late Poligar, and we also Knew that there are two natural sons of Komaralingama Naig the father of our late Poligar by name Chokeen and Yerataudo. When our late Poligar was dying he did not appoint any one for his successor. If the Company will be pleased to instate the son of the said Kurta Naig in the succession to the Pollum, it will also be agreeable to us.

Thus we have unanimously given our declarable in writing and affixed our signatures thereto.

Signed by the Brahmins.

Witnesses — Kunnama Naig Jevobnarrez. Sheshun — Sumperdy. Tooba Naig Havildar belonging to the Guard.

Translation of No. 7.

Declaration of several of the Nattamekars Shetties and Merchants of the Nattum Pollum.

As our late deceased Poligar Immody Lingama Naig has departed this life without issue, and as he had no Brothers, therefore, as there are the two natural sons of our former Poligar, Comaralingama Naig, by name Chokyen and Yerataudo, who are both intitled by right to this Pollum there being

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neither, if Chokyen be instated to the Pollum it will be satisfactory to us.

When Comaralinga Naig the father of our late deceased Poligar, was in the Government of this Pollum, he was divested of it by Mohummud Issooph Cawn of Madura who took possession of the Pollum. Chokia Pilly was then the manager, and he finding it necessary to have a poligar for the Pollum, sent for Kurta Naig and had him instated. He accordingly held the Government for six Months, whereupon the said Comaralinga Naig went to Trichinopoly and returning with the Circars Troops, retook possession of the Pollum. Thus some amongst us have been given to understand and some have a perfect knowledge of these circumstances. We have also heard that Kurta Naig is a relative of the former Seingama Naig.

What we have above stated is true and there is no difference and as such we subscribe our Names.

(Signed) by thirty of the Nattamekars of Nuttum and by two of the Palapatuh Nattumgars.

We certify that the above thirty two men had written the foregoing declaration & affixed their signatures thereto in our presence.

(Signed) Witnesses — Kunnama Naig Jevobnaveez / Sheshier Sumpardy / Sooba naig Havildar of the Guard

Translation of No. 8.

Translate of the Manager Coopyen's declaration.

In consequence of the death of my late Master Immudy Lingama Naig, as I expected much disturbance from the Nauttkullers and fearing to remain in the Pollum, I quitted it and whilst on my flight,

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some of the inhabitants came and urged me not to go, not to be fearful of the Kullers that they would go and bring Chokeyen and then adjust all matters. I told them that they need not go, to circulate their slops throughout the Pollum, to guard against depredations and until all the inhabitants assembled and discussed the matter in question that Chokien be desired to remain where he was, and that after an answer was received, that all affairs may be spoken of and adjusted. As it was a difficult matter for me at the time to effect my escape with safety & as I was extremely fearful and wished to remove at all events for the Pollum I therefore gave such an answer to the desire of the Inhabitants and went away.

Signed Coopen.

Witnesses ------ { Kunnamanay Jeevbnavee. / Theshien Sumperty. / Soobanaig Havildar of the Guard stationed at Manapara belonging to Capt. Keveny's Battn.

Translation of No. 4

Declaration of Sinnody Saundo Rawetten, Manga counden, Karanthen Counden and Sunya Counden, Nallavegars of the Nattum Pollum.

Immediately after the death of our late Poligar, the Manager Coopyen, having quelled the Pollum, we went to him, and beseeched him not to leave the Pollum. He told us, that he was not going off under any apprehension that Chokun would behead him but by fearing that the Mellore Kullers would take advantage of the present opportunity and revenge

reveng themselves by killing him in retaliation for the murder of Peria Caruppen Ambalgars son. We desired him not to do so that we would answer for his life, that we would keep him safe in Horrey Patty or Poonaputty Village. But he (the Manager) told us that he would retire to the Kunnavoy Pass, and remain there, that we would write to Chokiyen the Brother of Mootiah and bring him to Nattum; and afterwards, if we would come and invite him to return and give him the necessary assurances, that he would do so, as we could not write to Chokiyen on account of the troubles in the road. We therefore, accompanied by some other Village Nattamegars, we went to Chokyen, & removed him to the Chattrum of Covilputty where we kept him.

The foregoing statements are facts and there is no difference in it

(Signed) Imody Saund Rowtten.
Mania Counden.
Kurunthen Counden.
Sunja Counden.

Witnesses

We certify that the above declaration was written and delivered by the four Nattamegars with their signatures in our presence.

(Signed) Kunnamnaig Soobnavecy.
Sheikher Sumperdy.
Soobanaig Havildar.

Translation of No. 10.

Representation of Meenamaul Mother to the late Poligar Imnnodylingum Naig of Nattum to the Collector Mr Loushington dated July 1799.

As my son the late Immodylingum Naig

Poligar

Polygar of Nuttum had no issue, he designed to adopt the son of Kurta Naig (our ancient relation) for his son and successor. Accordingly he sent for the said Kurta Naig from Hoshakoorchy, a circar village, where he resided settled him in the Palapully village of Nuttum and granted him Lands for his support. On a propicious day it was intended to send for his son into the palace and to perform the ceremoney of adoption. Two hours previous to the death of my son, he ordered that Kurta Naigs son be brought, in order that he may be adopted for his successor, but before he arrived my son departed this life. As the said Kurta Naig is truly related to us by our ancestors, as my husband Comaralinga Naig was formerly for a time deprived of the Government of the Pollum by Mohamud Issoph Cawn of Madura, and the said Kurta Naig instaled in his room, by the treacherous conduct of Chokapillay the manager of my husband. He, however, had himself reinstated to the Pollum after eight Months, by having sought the support and protection of His Highness the Nabab Wallajah at Trichinopoly who returned him with the army that marched at the time against Madura, and had him (my Husband) reinstated to the Pollum. As the son of the said Kurta Naig proves to be our relative in reality, I therefore beg that the company will be pleased to have him instated in the succession to the Pollum conformable to the intentions of my late deceased son and thereby support and protect me, my daughters in law, and the inhabitants of our Pollum. Moreover, by the death

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of my son, dreading the troubles of the Kullers, we retired from Nuttum into the Marnel Country. My husband Comaralinga Naig having kept a woman named Veeroy (who was one of his slaves) as his concubine had three sons by her. The eldest of them went to His Highness the Nabob Wallajah at Trichinopoly and having pretended to have a right to the Pullum, His Highness censured him first and ordered him to go away because he was but a natural son of his father. This boy is now dead. The next to him is called Chokyen and the youngest Yeratando both now living. They were hitherto in the Sherogungah Country, but since the death of my son, they with a design to get possession of our Pollum, having proposed to the Cherokar to make over to him the Villages Pullaputty and Colleckey and the gardens of Pullaputty provided he would under the necessary assistance towards securing the Pollum in their possession. The Cherogar acceded to it, and accordingly sent an order to Nanny Sherogar at Tripatore, to give Chokyen a number of Peons, as also to desire the Mellore Kullers to give their assistance. Nanny Sherogar accordingly gave Chokyen between three and four hundred men and also obtained a number of the Mellore Kullers (our inveterate enemies) to join him. Chokyen proceeded with this Force to Chokalingaporum and Caroongalagoody Forts and to Poodagoody, Valachery Putty and Cottaputty Villages of Nuttum, where he stationed the Cherogar's Peons and having taken all the Paddy and dry grain which was kept in them, appropriated it for Batta to the Peons and Kullers. He also completely plundered some of our Villages set fire

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to the houses, destroyed the Gardens, and even proceeded to the Puttum and robbed my house of all the cloths and arms that were in it, also three Palanqueens and three horses and returned to Chokalingapurum Fort, where he threatened to kill all the Inhabitants if they did not, where quishined by the Company, declare that he was entitled to the Puttum. Consequently some of the Inhabitants joined him, and are speaking all they think proper. Since the arrival of Syed Ameed Saib from Manapara for the purpose of inquiring into matters regarding the Puttum the Chokyen made an excursion into Heeringpatty with the Chokars Peons, (this village is within two miles east of Puttum) and threatened the Inhabitants to hurt them if they hesitated to declare in his favor. Consequently some of the Inhabitants have accordingly declared in his favor and persist in it by reason that my husband Comaralinga Naig was a natural son of my father in law, Yeratande-lingama Naig, and that upon the same plea Chokyen may be also instated.

As the Mother of Yeratande Lingama Naig (my Fatherinlaw) was one of the natural daughters of Ettopayear Cawmatchy Naig, and married to his father, Tondylingam Naig according to the ceremonies prevalent in our Kumbala Caste, and as my fatherinlaw was married to a girl in the lawful Caste, he had a son by her, was become entitled to the Puttum and afterwards married to me.

As the Company are famous for their just and charitable deeds, I hope they will condescend to look favorably on us, and cause the said Hurta Naigs son

son to be adopted by my daughters in law and instated in the succession to the Pullum, which will ensure to us the enjoyment of content but if on the contrary the issue of my husband's concubine be judged legally entitled to it. We request that they (the Company) will permit me and my daughters in law (fourteen in number) to burn ourselves and so to put an end to our existence We place our sole reliance on the company and esteem them as our god and parents &c.

(Signed) Meenamaul.

Translation of No. 11.

Representation from Chokyen son of Comaralingum Naig a former Poligar of the Nuttum Pollum.

When my brother the late Immoty Lingum Naig was in the Government of the Poligary of Nuttum the son of Ellepure Camutchee Naigs son came to our Pollum and caused a misunderstanding between us and having conspired against us (meaning himself & his two Brothers) received intimation of it from a person that knew what was passing, and were advised to make our escape. My elder Brother Mootien was then absent at Saramally in the Shevegungah Country, as we could not immediately give credit to the information we received, we remained, but were soon after secured with our Brother in law and fettered My Mother, sisters and my elder Brothers wifes were even confined in their house; we were seperated from our family and treated with much severity. Our property and all we were worth, even the Tallys were taken from us. My two uncles by the Mothers side were also secured, and one of their hands and feet cut off

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Salt and rice in equal proportion were boiled and given us for our food, and water to quench our thirst was allowed us every second and third day. We were treated with the almost severity. My elder brother Moottien related all our sufferings to the Sherogar of Shevagungah, who was so kind in rendering us his support sent people to Nattam, to observe to the late Poligar, the impropriety of such treatment under the Companys authority, since the knowledge of it would bring him their highest displeasure, and advised that all our family be set at liberty and returned to us, otherwise that he would be obliged to acquaint the Company of what he was doing. The Poligar in consequence set us at liberty but deprived us of all our property of every discription, and even of the lands granted to us by our father. We therefore joined our brother at Paramally where he happened to die. We remained there and upon receiving intelligence that our Brother the late Immody lingama Naig had died with the small pox we still remained and were in a state of mourning for him. Whilst we were in this condition, several of the Inhabitants, Nattamkars and Chetties of Nattam came to me, and spoke as follows "Your brother the late Immody lingama Naig having died with the small pox, the "Karbar Coopien, Sherogars, and other principal servants without even performing the funeral rites "in a proper manner, did bring him in a very confused and improper manner, and after taking all they could from the Palace advised my brother's family to quit the Pollum instantly and fly to some place of safety and after throwing a confusion and alarm in the Pollum

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"had left it themselves, we went to the Harbar and ques-
"tioned how he could thus disturb the tranquility of the
"Pollum and entered to leave it ungarded. He replied I
"will not stay in the Pollum but retire to the Kunna-
-way pass. As Chakyer is entitled to the Pollum you may
"invite him to proceed hither and after his arrival if you will
"come to me and give me the necessary assurances to
"return, I shall, as we could not write an Olih to you
"we come ourselves to request you will proceed to the
"Pollum otherwise the Kallers will soon cause a
"devastation in the Pollum, and reduce all the houses
"to ashes. They have already burnt several and have
"committed depredations in the Pollum. Therefore
"you must immediately proceed as entitled to the
"future Government of the Pollum and give us your
"support and protection.

In consequence of what they stated,
I immediately marched to Nuttum, managed
so as to put an end to the troubles of the Callers
held out proper encouragement to the alarmed inhabi-
tants Chetties and Merchants and upon examination
found not only the palace but all other habitation
completely plundered by the Harbar who retired
to Comaravady. Such of the Villages as escaped
from fire I took care of and prevented the troubles
of the Callers. Soon after the Harbar and three
hundred peons under the command of two Sherogars
with five horsemen, arrived from Camaravady
accompanied with Vettiaputty Cawmia Naig and
three hundred of his men and he was by their assis-
-tance plundering the remainder of the Villages, and
appropriated the grain &c for Batta to the force
he brought with him. He has also instigated the

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Naut Kullers to cause much trouble in the Pollum

As I have a right to the Puttum of this Pollum I shall conform myself to such restitution as the company may be pleased to come to. The peons belonging to Comaravady and the Harbar has plundered such of the property as remained belonging to my father and have sent them together with all the Bullocks Palanqueens &c. to Comaravady. As I am the only one who has an unquestionable right to the Pollum and to its estate I therefore hope and trust the company will render me their support and protection and I shall as their child confirm myself accordingly.

(signed) Chokyen.

To T B Hurdis Esquire Collector of Dindigul

Sir, The bearer has charge of papers relating to the Manapara Pollums which he is directed to deliver to you

Colarpetty
11th December
1799.

I have &c.
(signed) H Graeme
Asst. Collr.

To Mr. T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

By your letter of the 12th ultimo containing your final correspondence with the Veerapatchy Poligar, the Board are sorry to observe that notwithstanding the fullest explanations and assurances of his safety particularly in your letter No. 3 to him he still refuses compliance.

I am directed by the Board to point out to you that you should not have allowed (as you have stated) your feelings to be operated upon by the conduct of the Poligar prior to the

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conquest of Mysore in the execution of their orders of the 9th October, which you expressly requested for your guidance, and which were founded on a consideration of the change of affairs subsequent the 13th of April and the objects of reform the Board had in view.

Although the Poligar's answers contain professions of obedience, and pleads his fears and great age as an excuse for not attending your summons, the Board could not but consider them as evasions, and having used every endeavour to avert the necessity, they found themselves compelled to recommend to Government that coercive measures should be restored to.

Government, upon a consideration of the subject have been pleased to resolve, that until they shall be at liberty to appropriate a force sufficient to remove any obstacles which may be expected to the reform of the Poligars in Dindigul, you will not threaten them with the Company's displeasure to the extent of committing a pledge of our authority, confining yourself to warning them of the inevitable consequences which must follow their continued provocation of the resentment of Government if in the mean time the Veerupatchee Poligar should offer unconditioned submission, you will report it A as the possibility of appropriating force for all the purposes which may be required in the collection of the Revenues or removing obstacles thereto must depend on circumstances not within the knowledge of Collectors, the Right Honble the Governor in Council has directed it to be considered a general principle that

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no Collector shall embarass his measures with a denunciation of the public resentment until he shall have stated the necessity; and ascertained the means of employing military force.

I am &c.

Fort St George.
15th December 1799.

(signed) J B Travers.
Secretary.

To Mr T B Hurdis Collector of Dindigul.

Sir, I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 2d & 3d Ultimo and their enclosures.

The Board are fully sensible of the difficulties you have had to encounter in obtaining information of the actual state of the Pollums lately subjected to your authority and are well satisfied with the pains you have bestowed as appears by the report now before them but in the present state of defective information Government concur in the expediency of continuing the Poligars for the present in their Pollums, subject to such regulations as will hereafter be established for the Government of the Poligars in general: and for your information, is transmitted, Copy of a letter from Government declaratory of the principles upon which the Tinnevelly Poligars are in future to hold their Lands and the Boards instructions to the Collector in consequence which you will keep in view in all your arrangement.

In regard to the balances of the preceding year the Poligars are to be held answerable to such an amount as may appear to you to be on the settlement justly due with the Circar of the late Tippoo Sultaun and their Peshcush for the present year is to be regulated from one half to two thirds of what you may from the best informa-

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tion be able to calculate to be the Gross Circar share of the produce of their Pollums: should any of the Poligars object to this mode you will take their Pollums under your Management and by a Village settlement ascertain their value, in every such case the Poligar is to be allowed 10 per cent on the net collection for his maintenance, and to be assured that he will be restored the ensuing year as Zemindar, provided he agrees to pay what shall be determined, upon the forementioned general principal as a fair and equitable assessment.

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The exception you have made in the 56 Para of your report on the Poligars against Gopana Gour the Billi Poligars and Yerapa Gour of Ramapatnam for reasons you have therein stated. Government concur in opinion with the Board that as these Poligars were not then under the authority of this Government what has passed ought to be overlooked you are therefore autho-rized to form a similar settlement with them as with the other Poligar as also with the andiputty Poligar or rather with his manager, who should be required to give security at all events to enter into a Muchulka with the Circar, to be obedient to its orders. Two thirds of the Bariez of Keelook which you seem to consider the probable realizable value from this Pollum appear to be a fair proportion for the Circar, and the Board entirely approve that the Poligar should be re-quired to observe the present settlement with the Ryots and that his Cowl should, to ensure it, be countersigned by the Collector.

In the present situation of affairs Govern-ment have stated it to be impracticable to appropriate

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any part of the Troops for the coercion of the Manapara Poligars as suggested in your letter of the 27th october — Government however trust that the recent change which has been effected in the situation of the Poligars in their situation will produce a proportionate change in their habits: relying also on your vigilance, activity, and exertion in the application of the means you already possess to prevent the disturbances you anticipate, or suppress them should they actually occur.

Government having consented that the Pollums of Wholapa Naig and Dholapa Naig be placed under your authority the necessary instructions are gone to Mr. Lushington to make over the charge to you.

Fort St. George
11th December 1799

I am &c.
Geo Garrow
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To Mr. Thomas B Hurdis Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

Prior to the Board coming to an ulterior consideration, and decision on the claims and rights to the Nuttum Pollum, they direct you will make further enquiry as to the nearest legitimate relations of the late Poligar, also those that are illegitimate and the proofs of their illegitimacy.

The Board likewise wish you to explain particularly the ceremony of putting the Potter on the woman, to distinguish her from a common concubine and the nature of the distinction in what light she and her children are considered as the Board observe that their offspring has occasionally succeeded as Poligars they are desirous of being informed if it has ever occured in other Pollums and whether the families of these woman are respectable, and not involved in the discription of prostitutes or common concubinage.

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Such and other information of the Laws of inheritance among the Poligars in regard to succession and property will be very acceptable to the Board tracing the enquiry as far back as possible.

The Board in the mean time approve the steps you have taken for ascertaining the value and securing the Revenue of the Pollum.

Fort St George
17th December 1799

I am &c
J B Travers
Secretary

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire Collector of Madura &c

Sir,

I have to request from you a further advance of 6,400 Star Pagodas for my disbursements of this month as the Collector of Peishcush cannot supply me with any just now.

Madura
19th December
1799

I have &c
Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

To Mr Thomas B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant and to inform you in consequence of the short period of time you have mentioned for the purpose they consent to your visiting the Presidency.

Fort St George
23d December 1799

I am &c
Geo. Garrow
Depy Secry

To Thomas Bowyer Hurdis Esquire
Collector of Dindigul

Sir,

I have to request from you an advance of 6000 Star Pagodas for the use of my Disbursements of the ensuing month.

Madura
27th December
1799

I have &c
Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

To Mr T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

By desire of the Board you will herewith receive copy of your Register of Bills for the month of November properly authenticated, which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the course of that Month, with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

Fort St George
29th December 1799

I am &c
Geo Garrow
Depy Secry.

Register of Bill for the month of November 1799

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(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector
(Signed) Geo Garrow
Depy Secry.

Mr Banjamin Randall Assistant Collector

Sir,

Mr Collector Hurdis previous to his leaving the district desired me to point out the irregularity in the mode of address of your public Letters to him of the 27th and 28th Inst

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and to beg you to attend to the Customary style in future.

As an advance of Cash is ordered to the Madura Paymaster the beginning of the ensuing month, I have to desire your attention to the issue thereof.

I am &c.
John G Ravenshaw
Asst Collr.

Daraporum
31st December
1799

To Mr Thomas B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that the Right Honoble the Governor in Council has been pleased to confirm your suggestion for the offer of a reward of 1000 Rs for the seizure and delivery of the person of Poojary naique and for his associates, as you have proposed.

The line of conduct adopted by you towards the dispossessed Poligars and the arrangement proposed have met the approbation of Government who have resolved that the amount of Present made by you to them be debited to the Revenue of their respective Pollum.

I am &c
J B Travers
Secretary

Fort St George
31st December
1799

To Mr T B Hurdis Collector at Dindigul

Sir,

The employ of Commissary and Paymaster being by the late Military Regulations blended, much inconvenience has arisen in my office from a want of distinction between the advances to these respective Departments, I have therefore to request you will in future be careful in Keeping these heads seperate in your Treasury account.

I am &c
Geo Read
A B R.

Fort St George
31st December 1799